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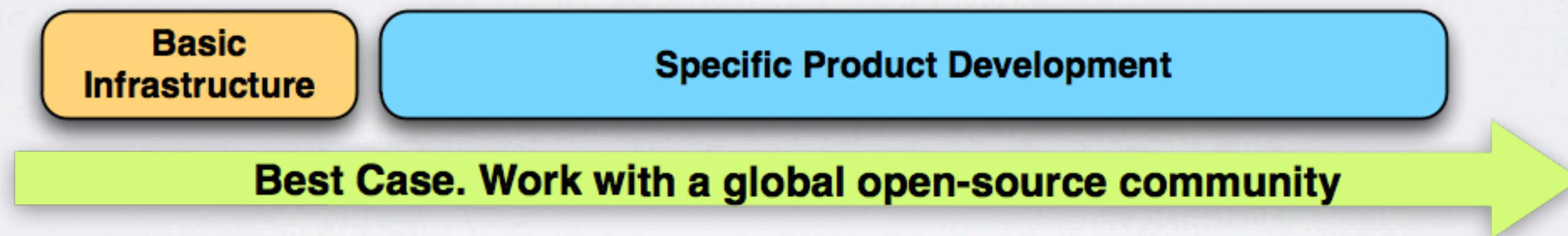
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Product development as it is:



Development as it should be:

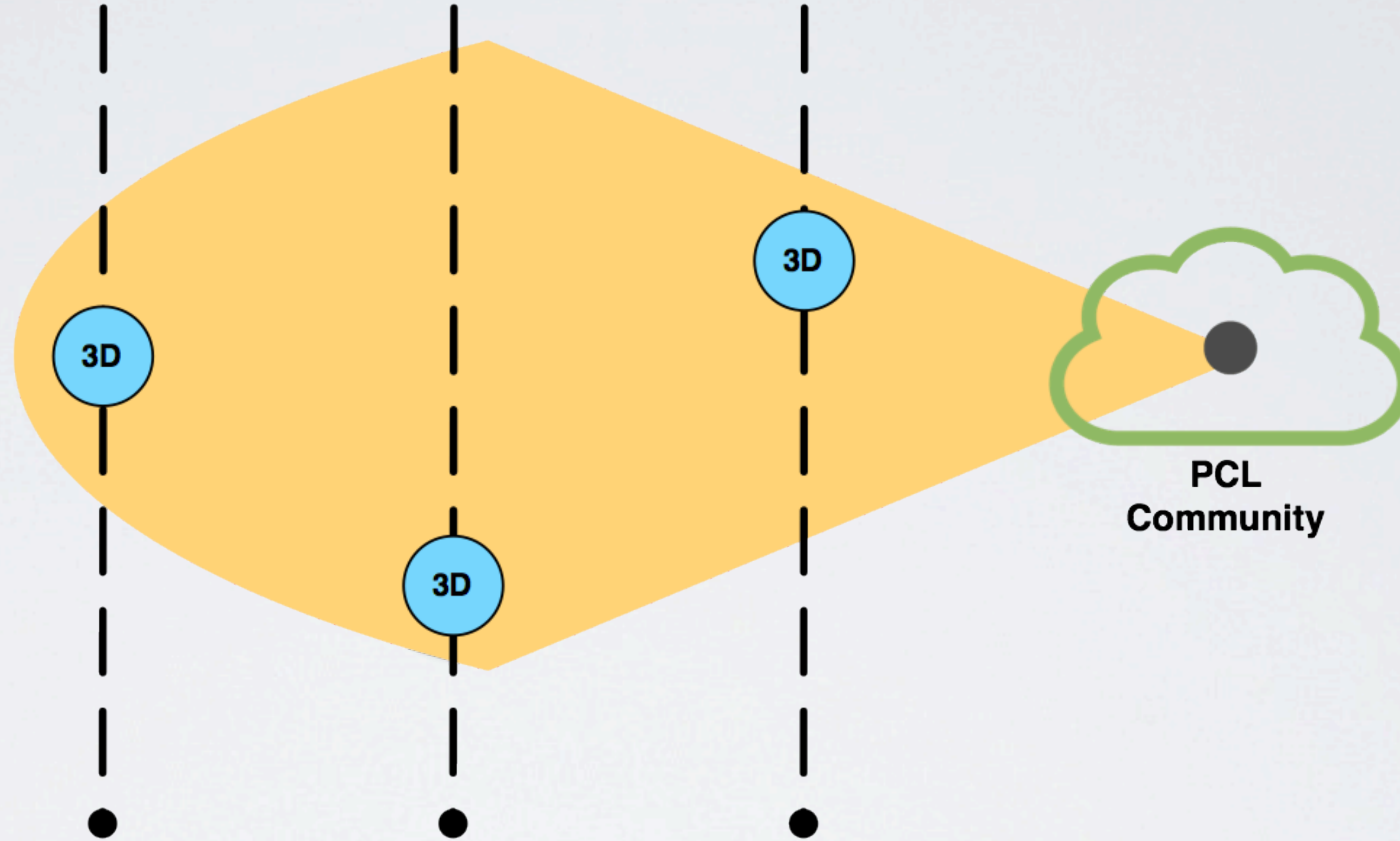


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**Robotics**

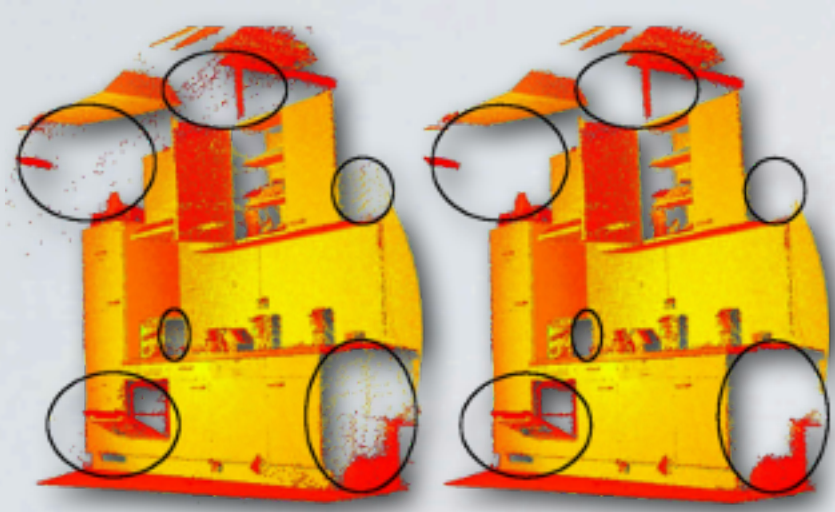
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**Surveying**

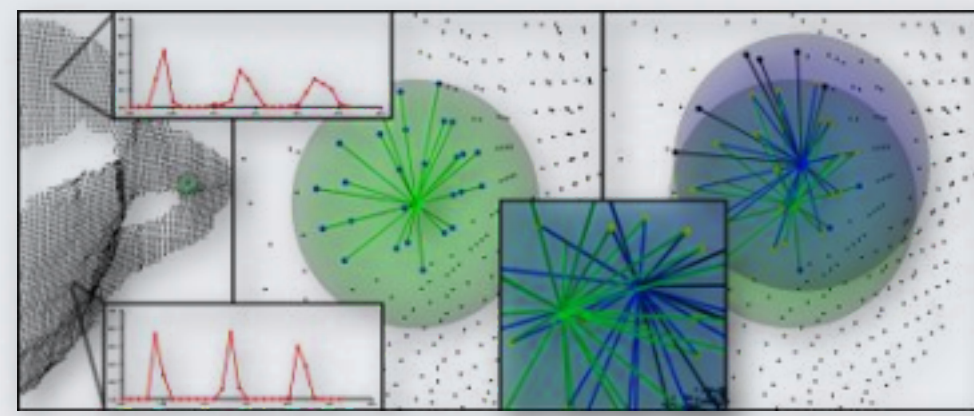


**PCL  
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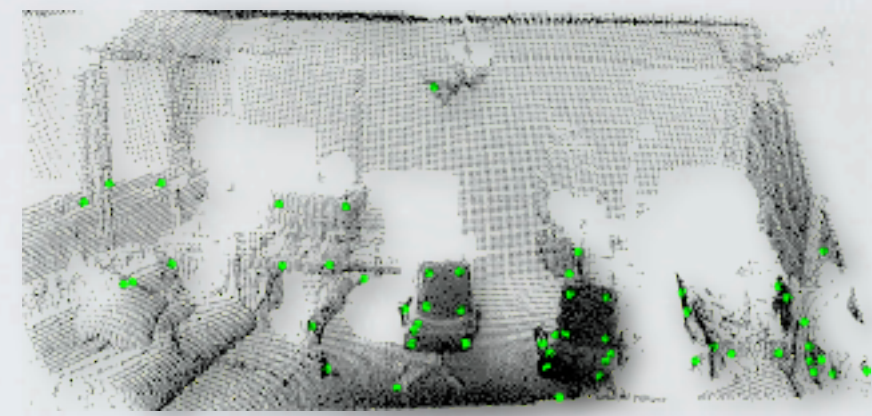
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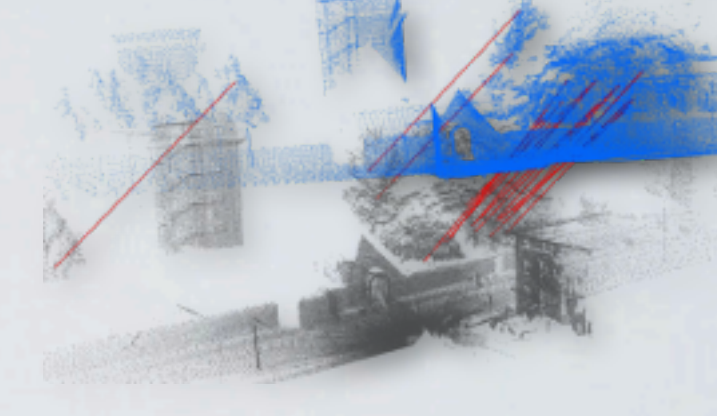
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Filters



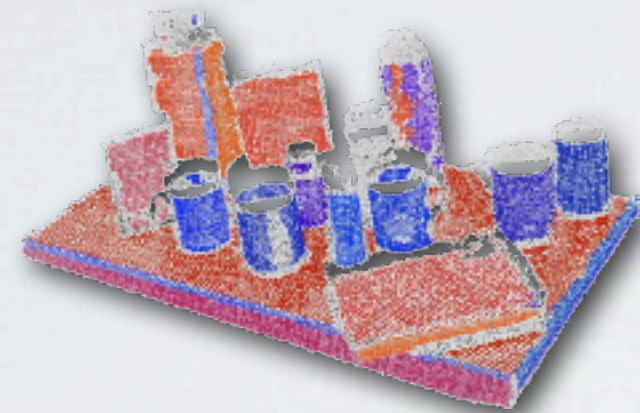
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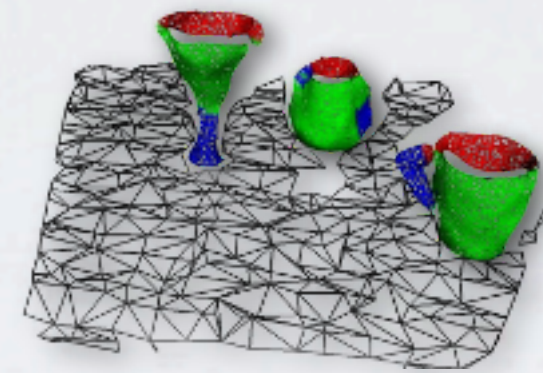
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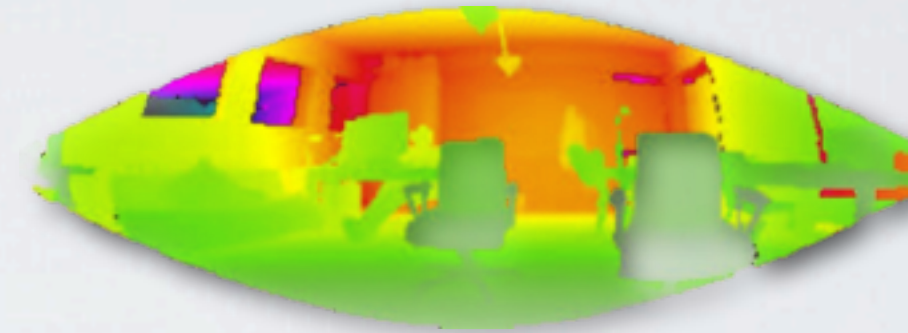
Segmentation



Sample Consensus



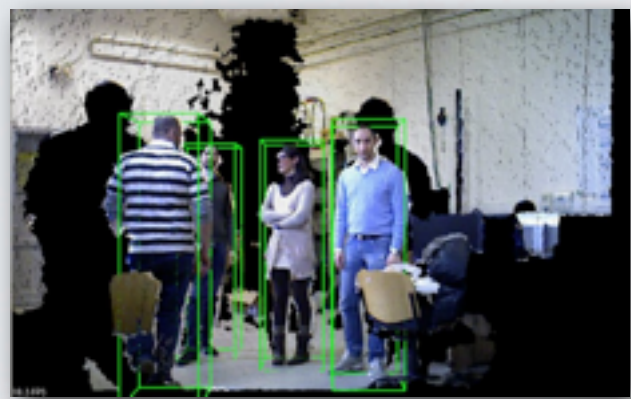
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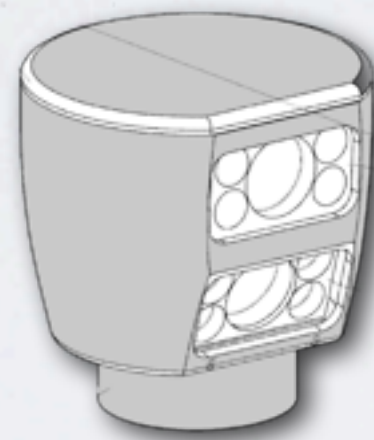
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I/O



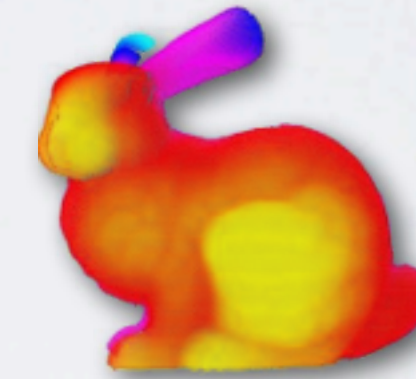
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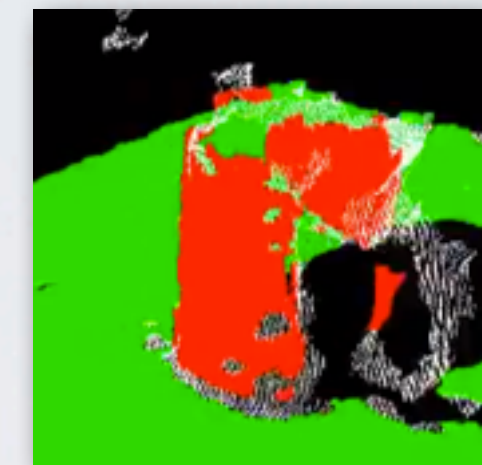
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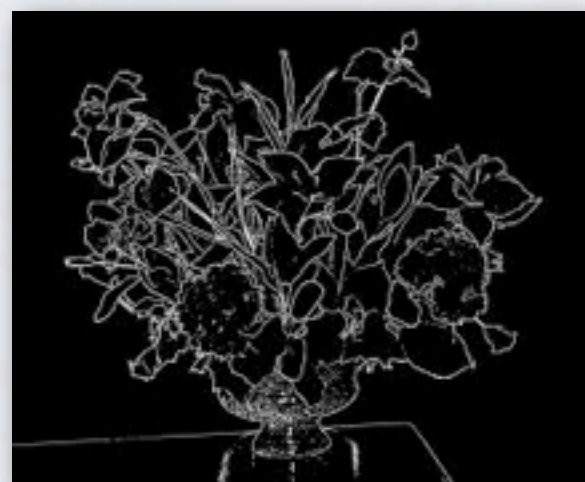
Out-of-core



Visualization



Segmentation

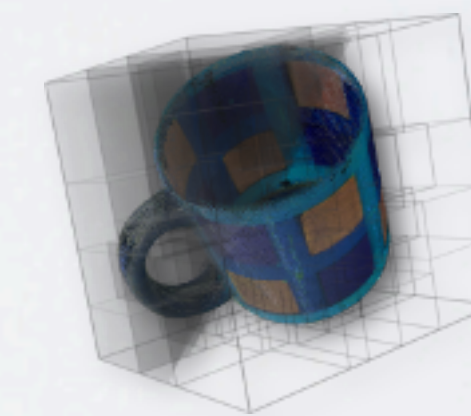


2D



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# PCL Modules

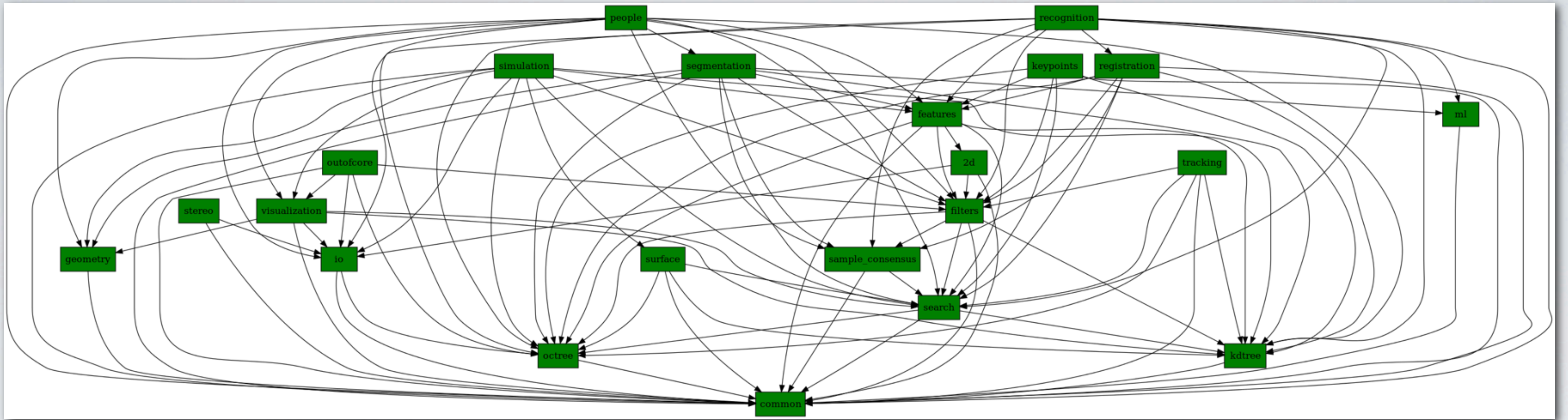


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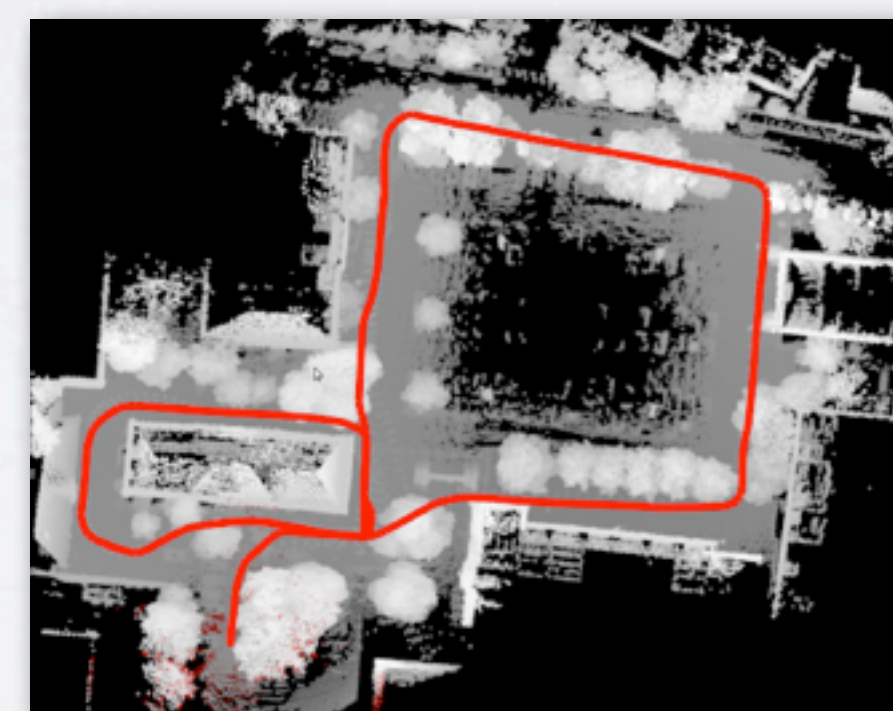
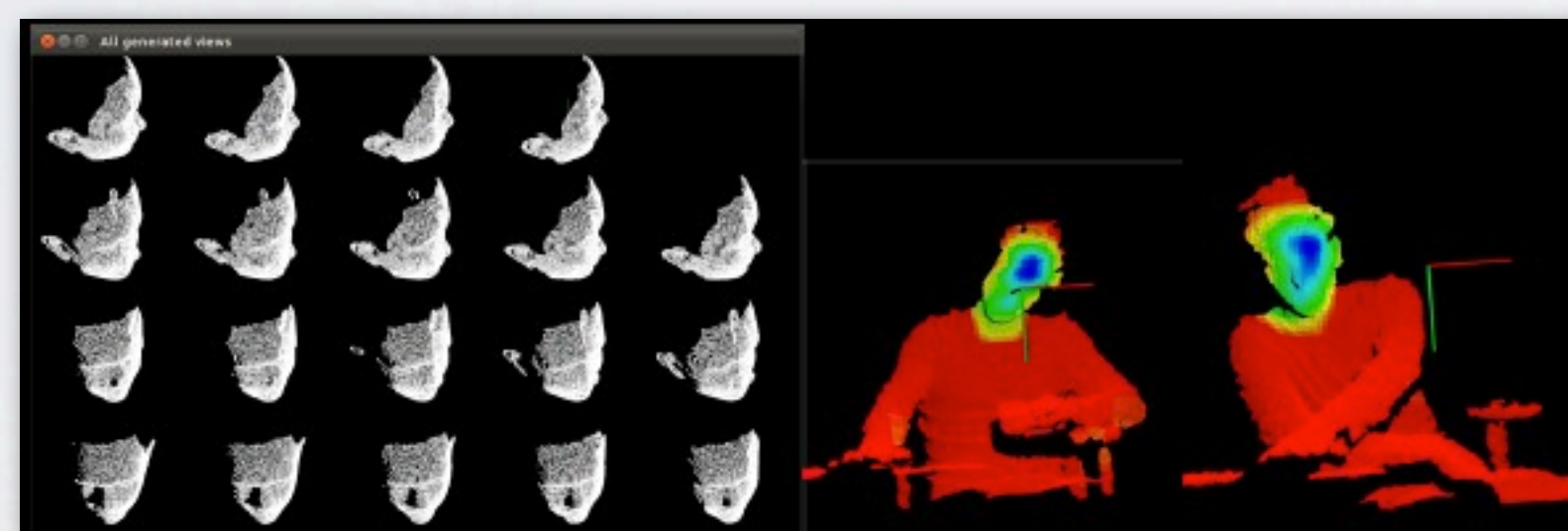
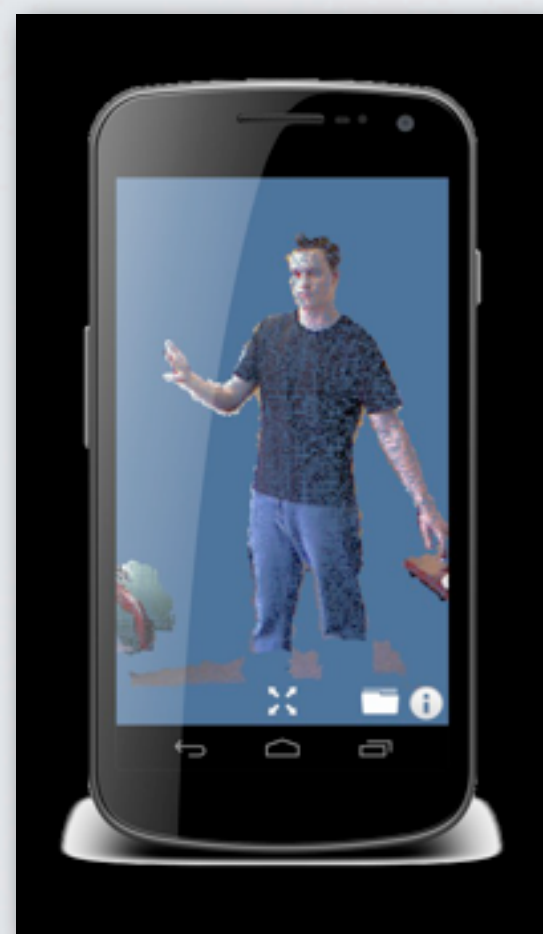
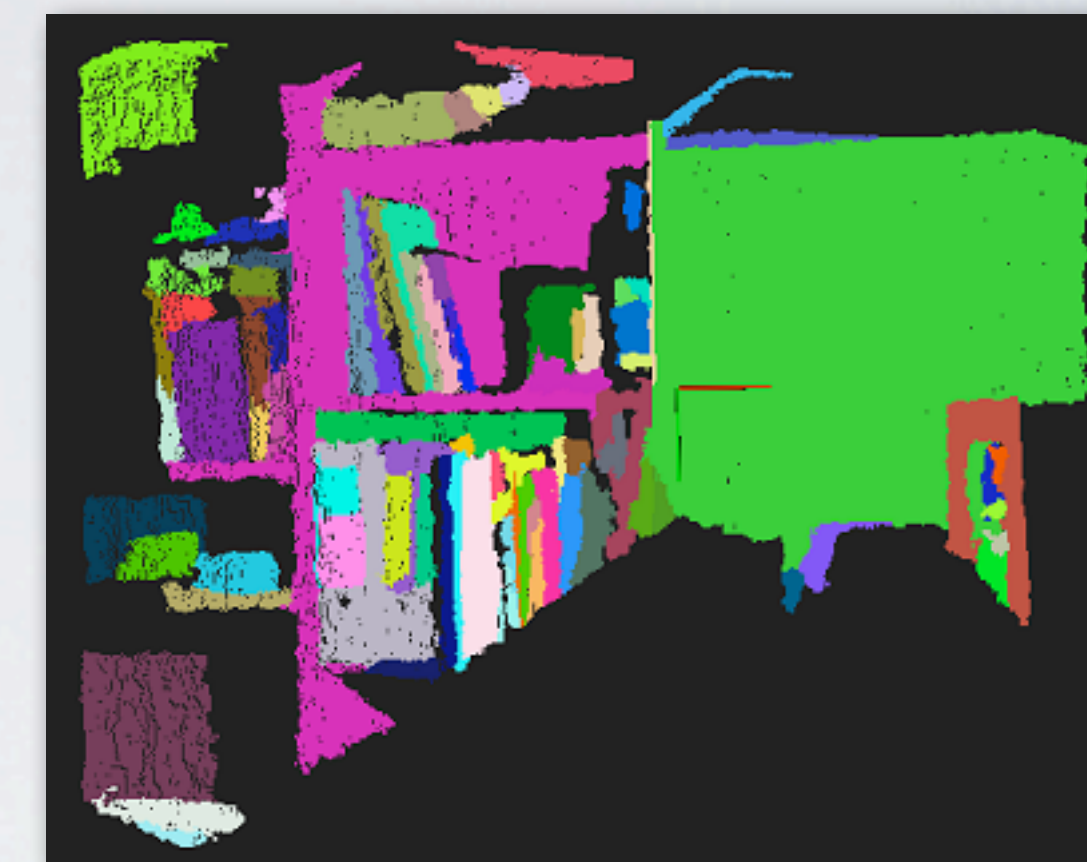
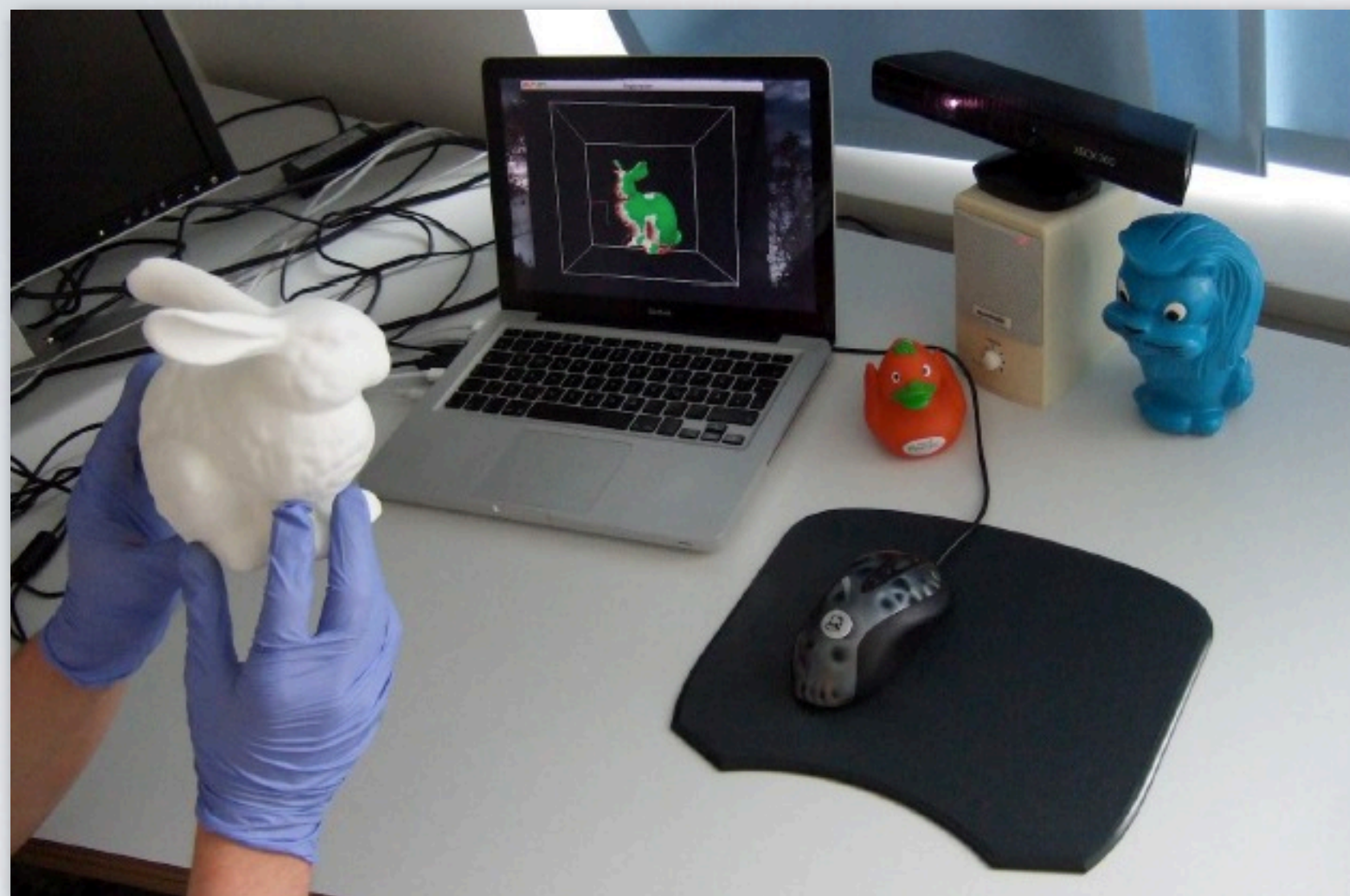
Octree

# Module dependencies

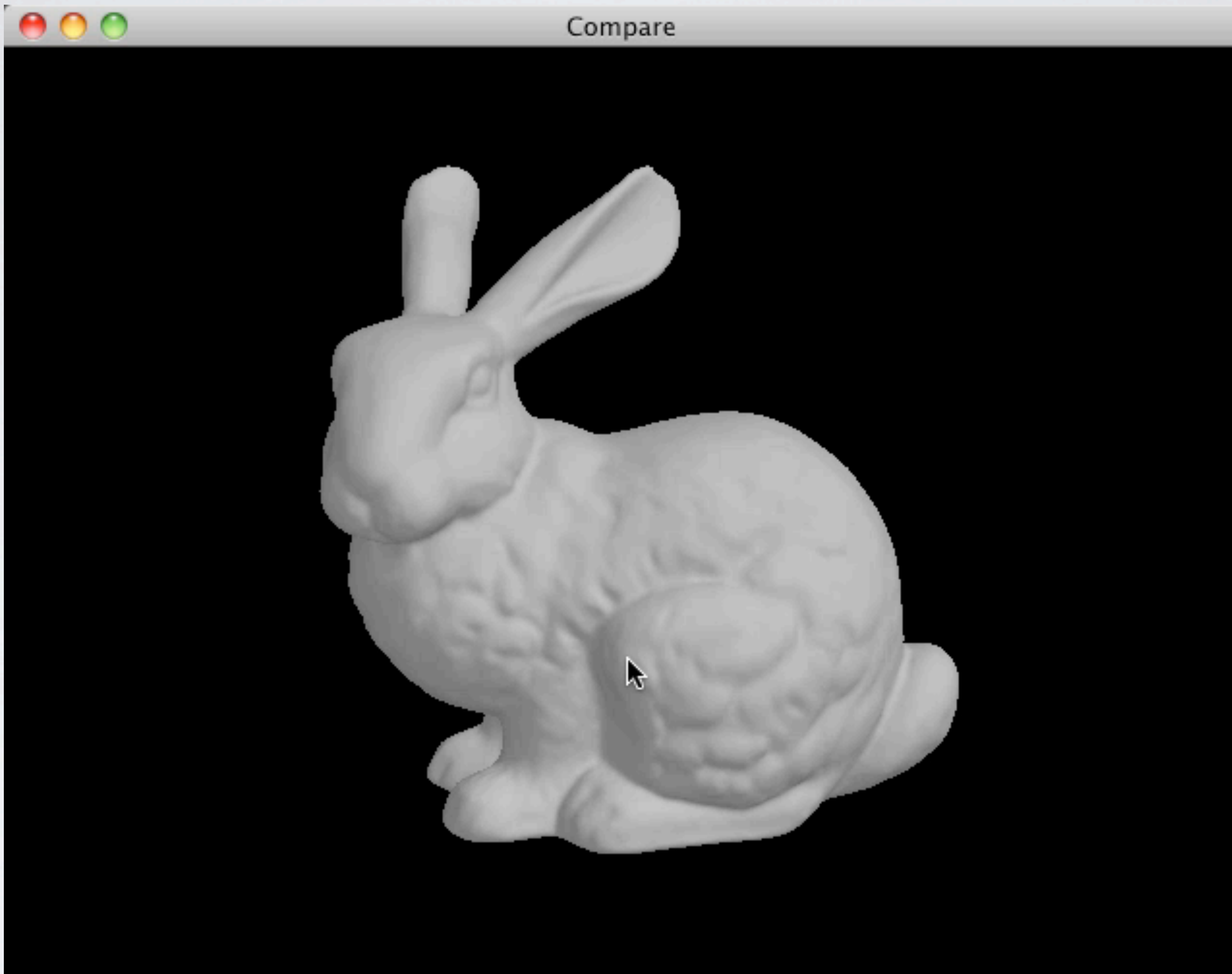


## PCL Modules

And a lot of **demo apps** to show off the technologies!

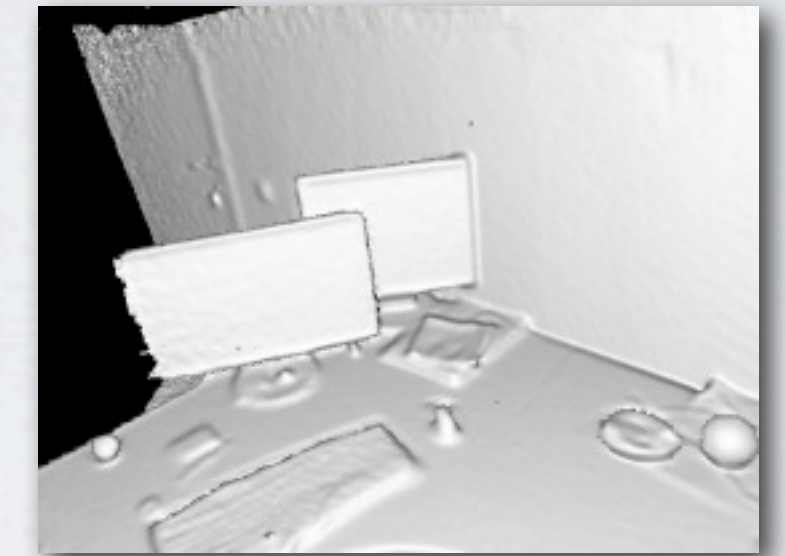
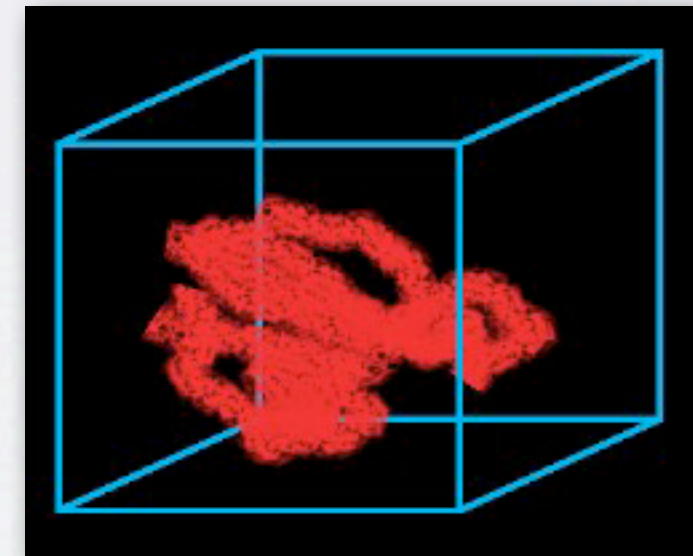
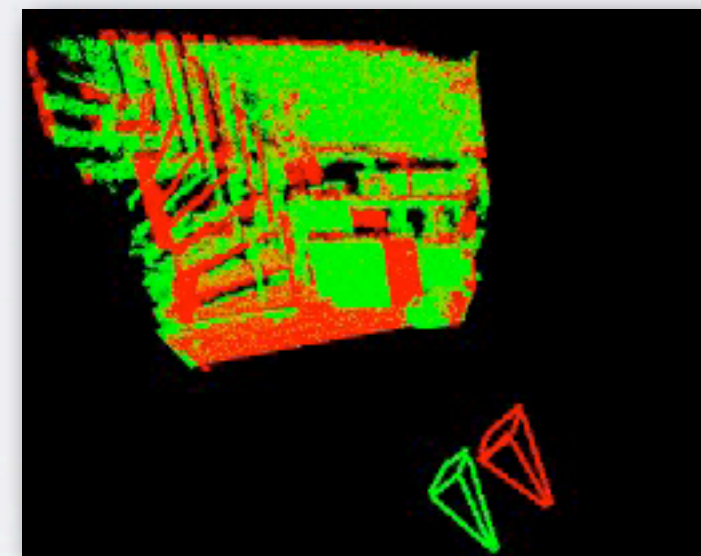
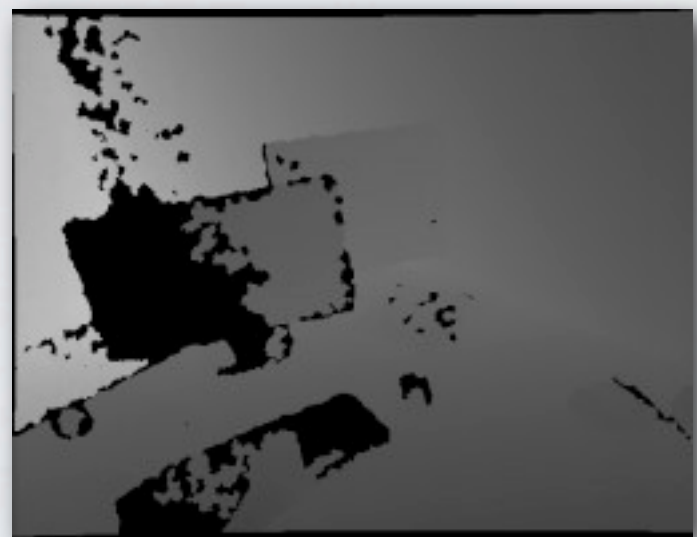
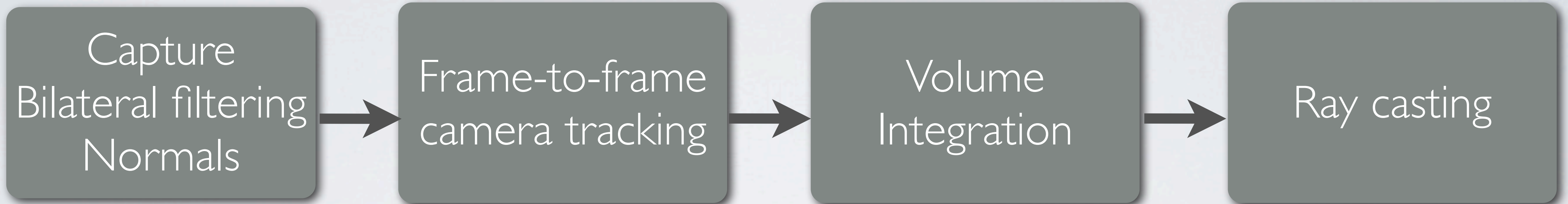


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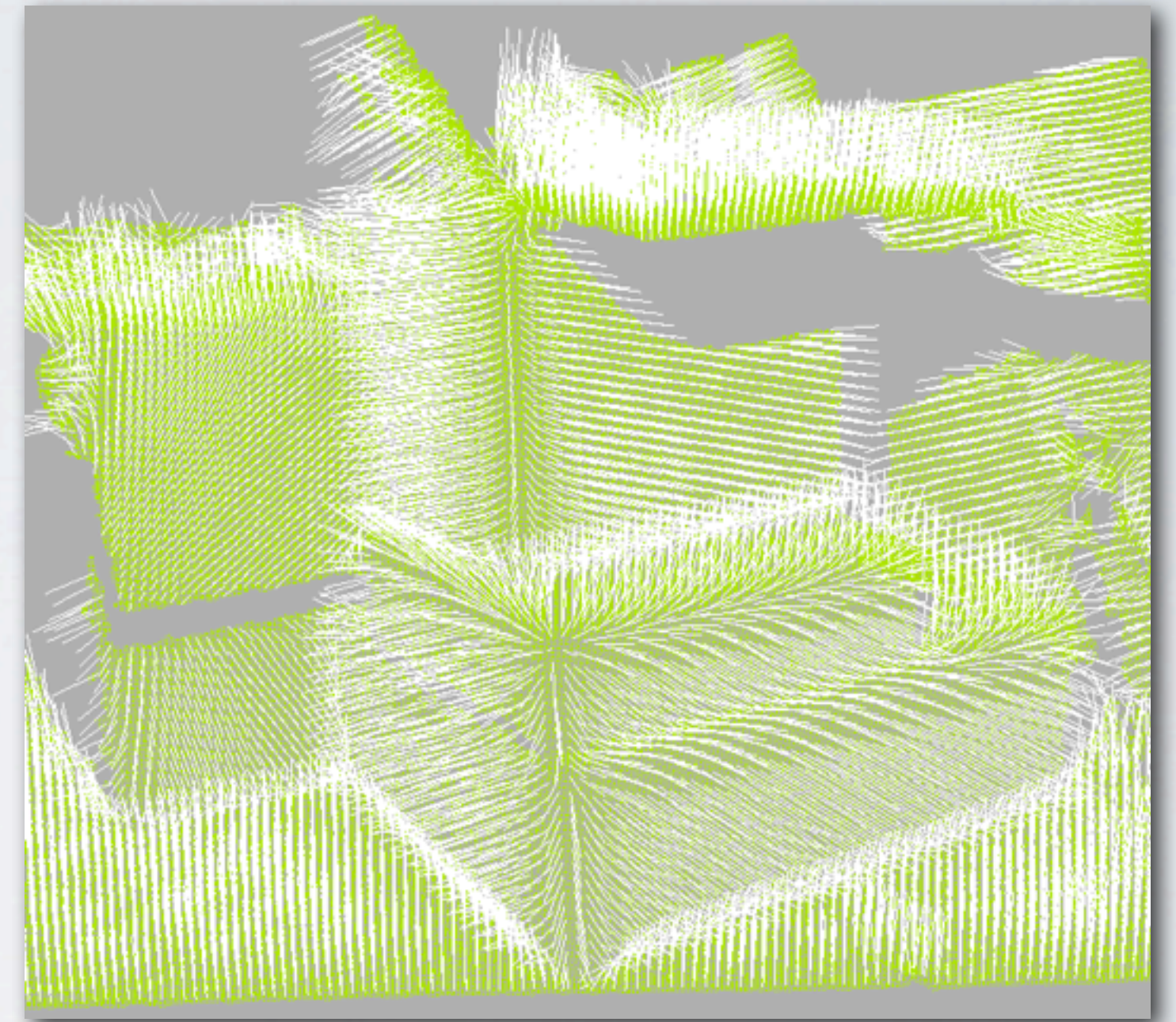
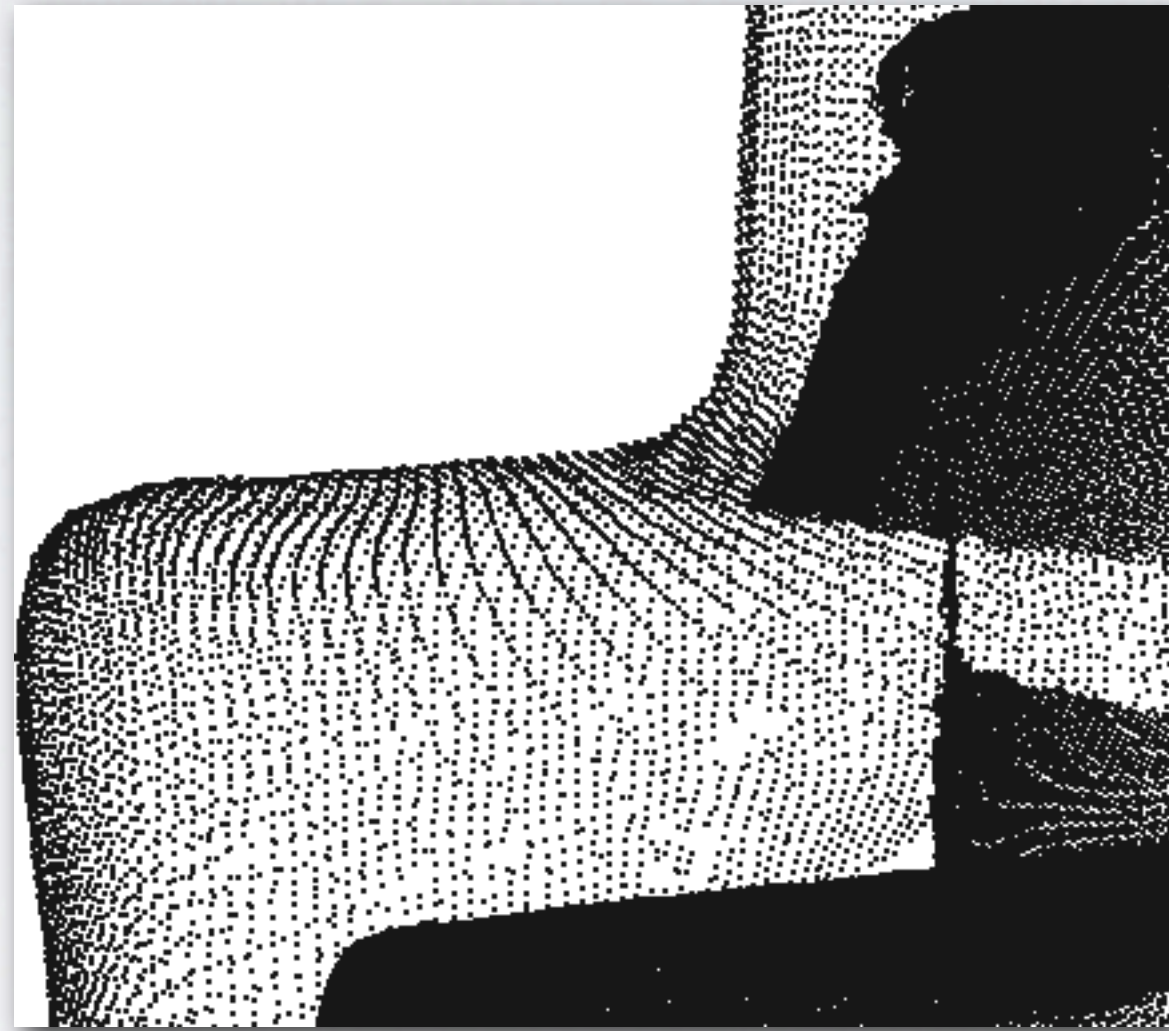
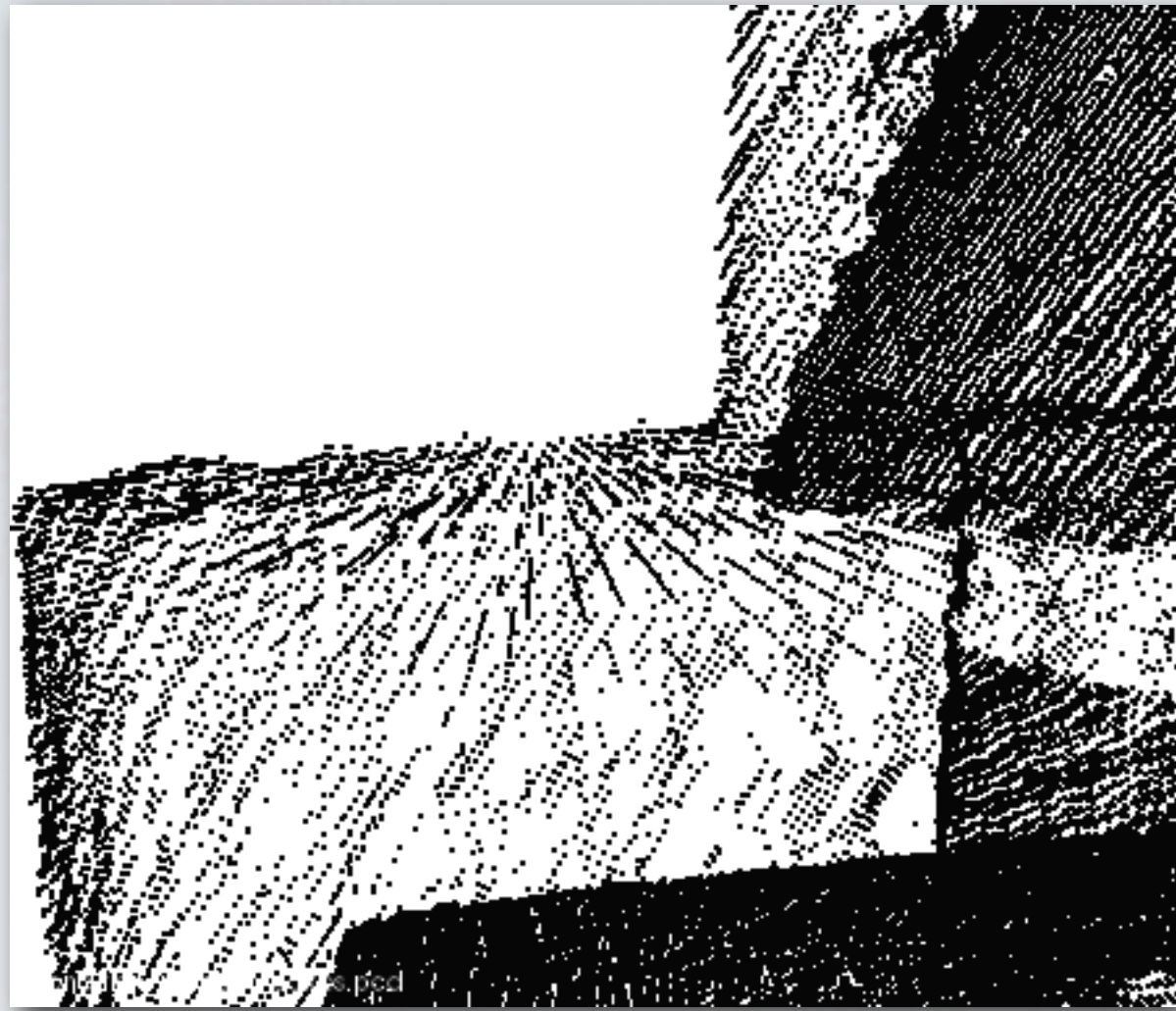








Capture  
Bilateral filtering  
Normals



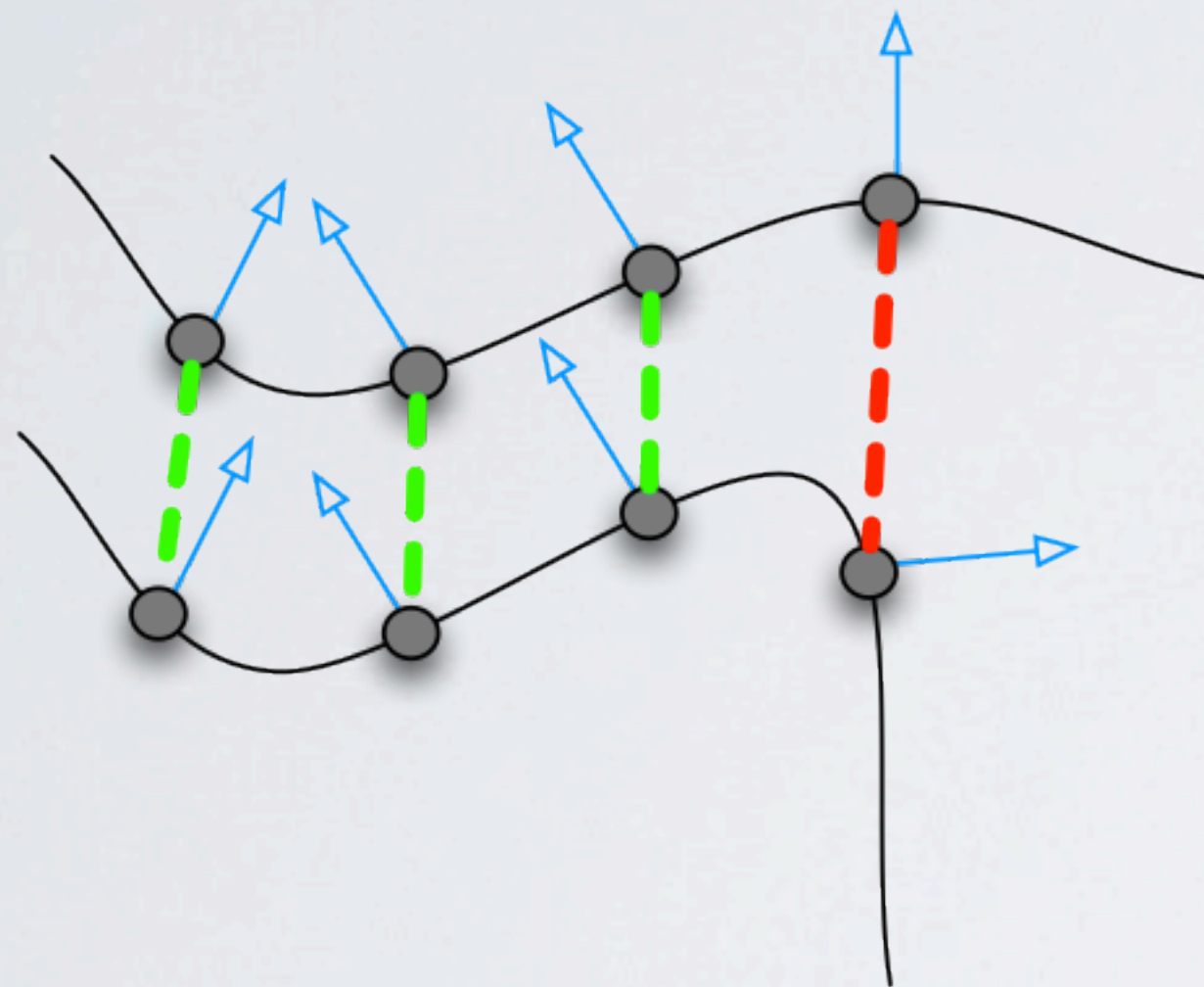
noise removal via bilateral filtering

highly-parallelizable normal estimation

RGB-D data is an  
"organized" raster

Frame-to-frame  
camera tracking

Want to compute relative  
transformation between consecutive  
frames



Projective point  
correspondences  
using normal  
compatibility

$$\sum_{i=1}^N ((R p_i + t) - q_i) \cdot n_{q_i})^2$$

Point-to-plane  
error metric

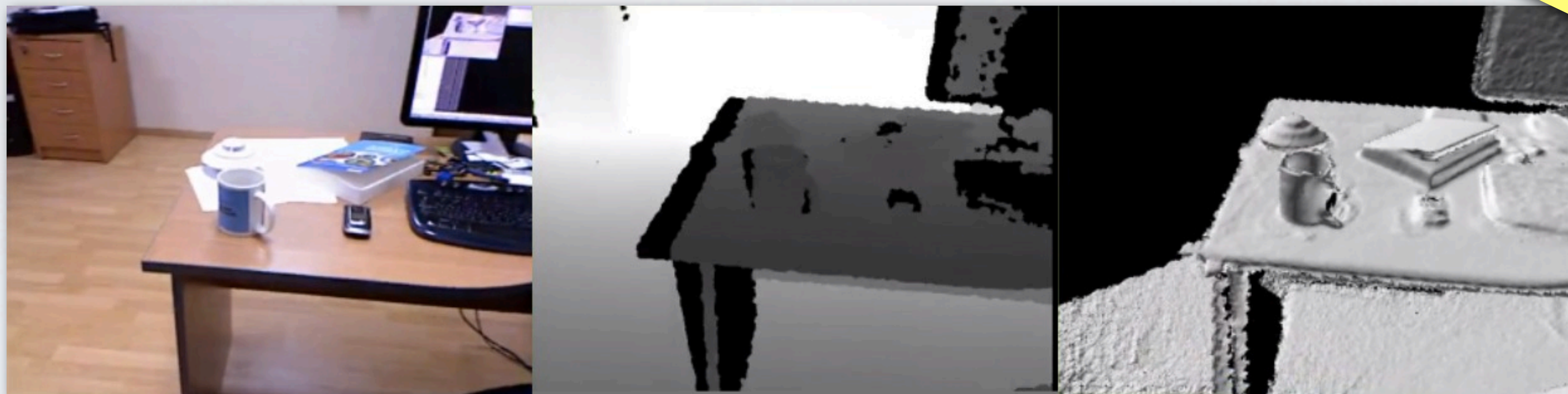
Over-determined  
system

Solve it in the least  
squares sense

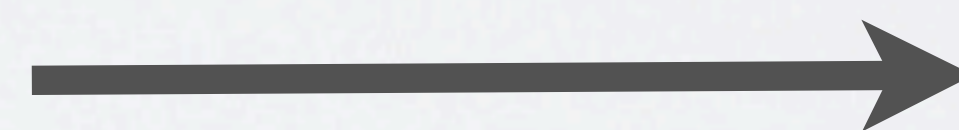
Volume  
Integration

Incrementally store the incoming frames

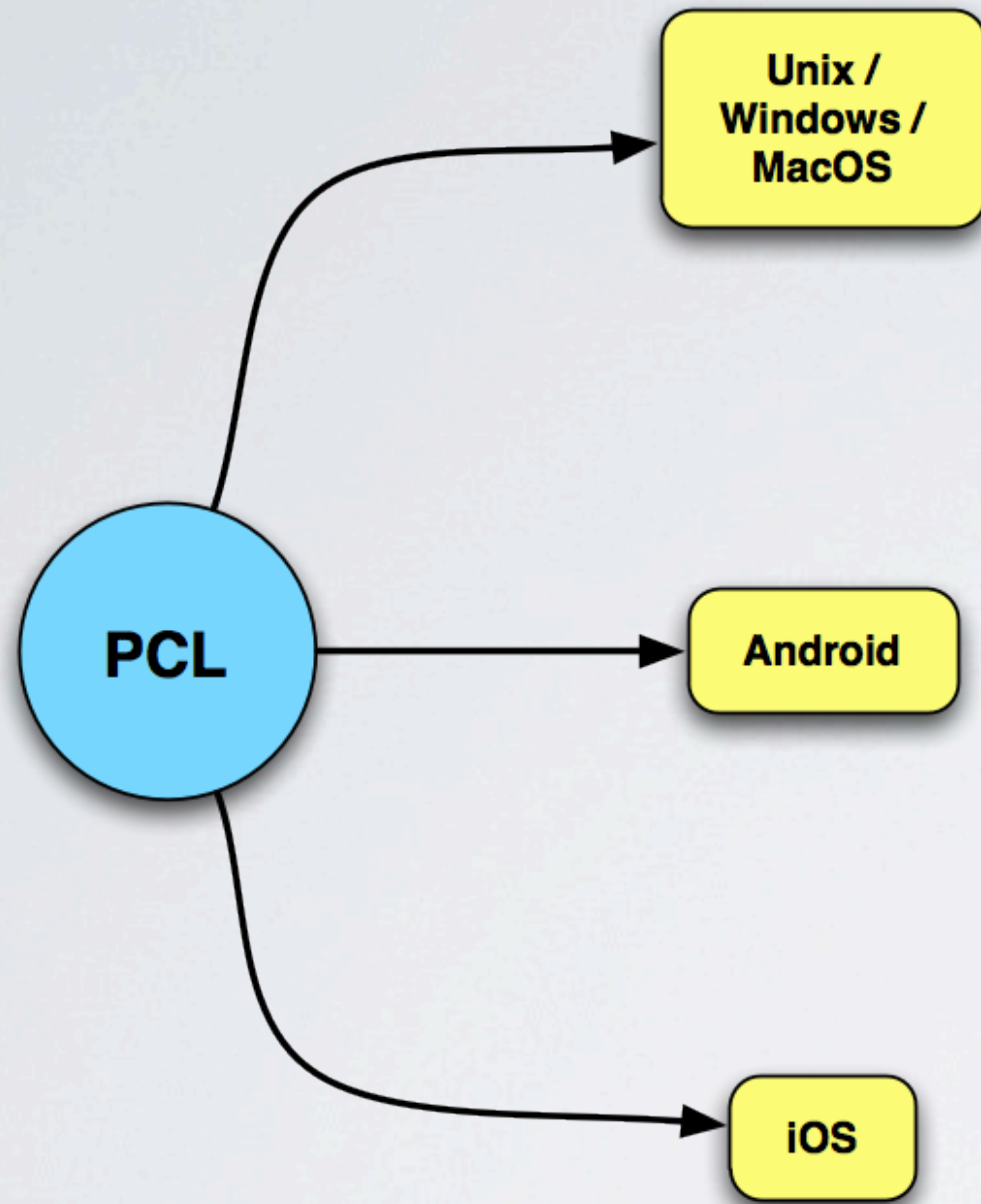
Truncated Signed  
Distance Function  
(TSDF)



for each voxel in the TSDF  
project it to the RGB-D frame  
update depth from pixel - running average



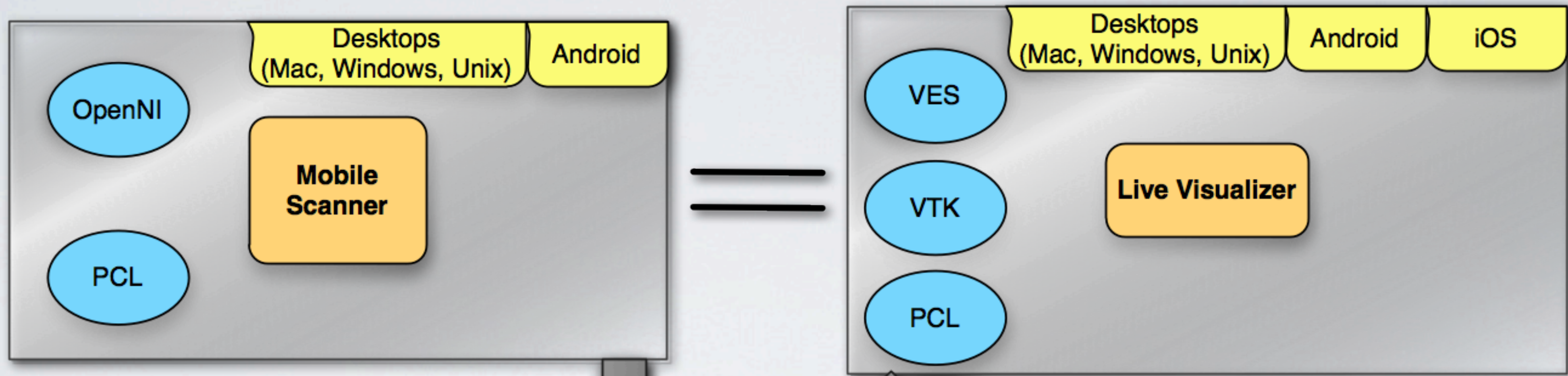
Ray casting



Everything works !

- support for multiple sensors
- processing
- visualization
- CUDA implementations
- visualization with OpenGL / VTK / OpenSceneGraph / ...
- visualization with OpenGL ES and VES
- Apple does not allow unlicensed 3rd party accessories
- visualization with OpenGL ES and VES

## **PCL platforms**



capture and send to server

receive model updates from server  
and visualize

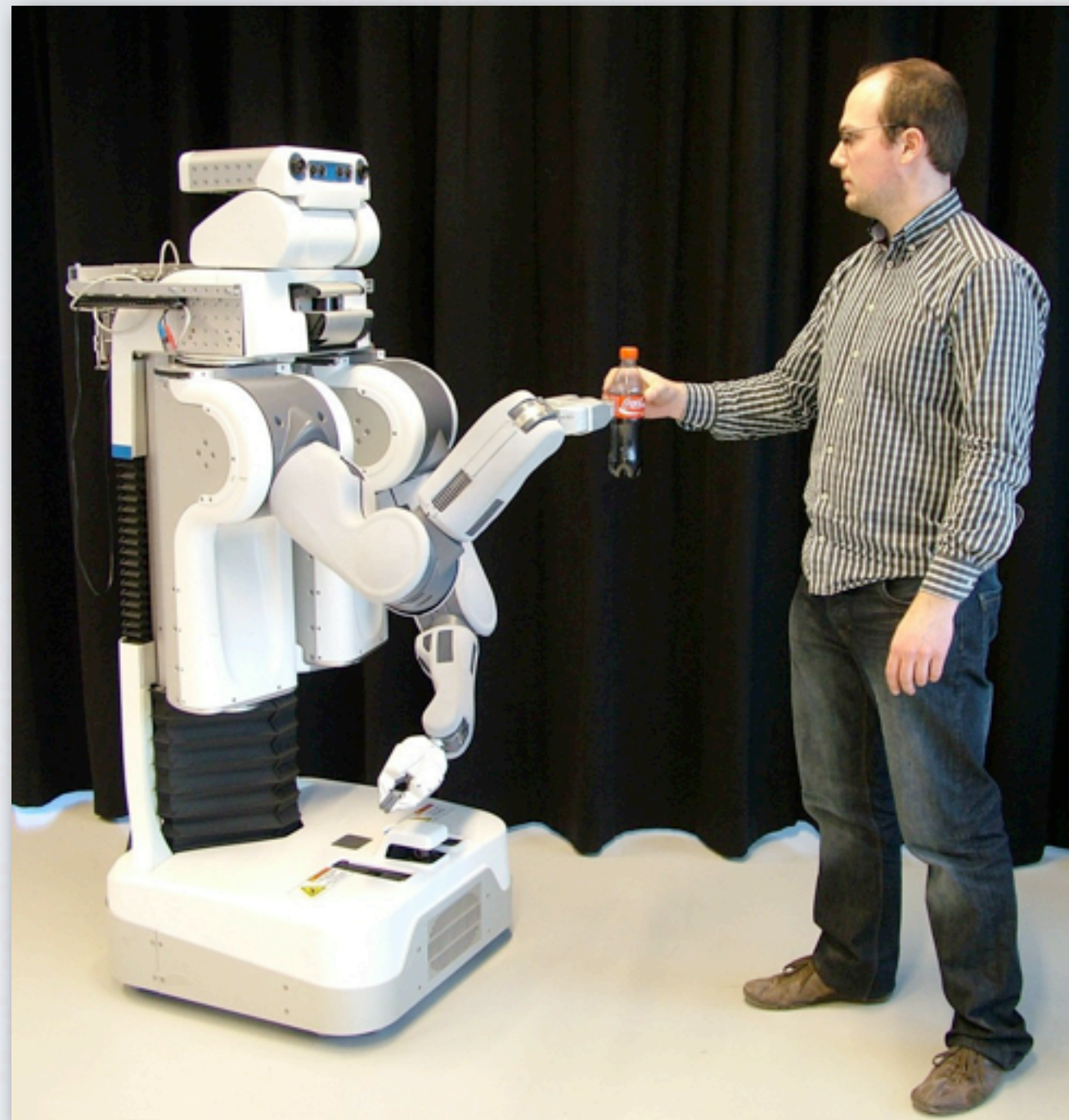
perform registration from multiple  
sources and send out results

## Mobile Mapping in the Cloud

DEMO TIME !

# WHY?

- easier and more precise in 3D
- both pose detection and tracking



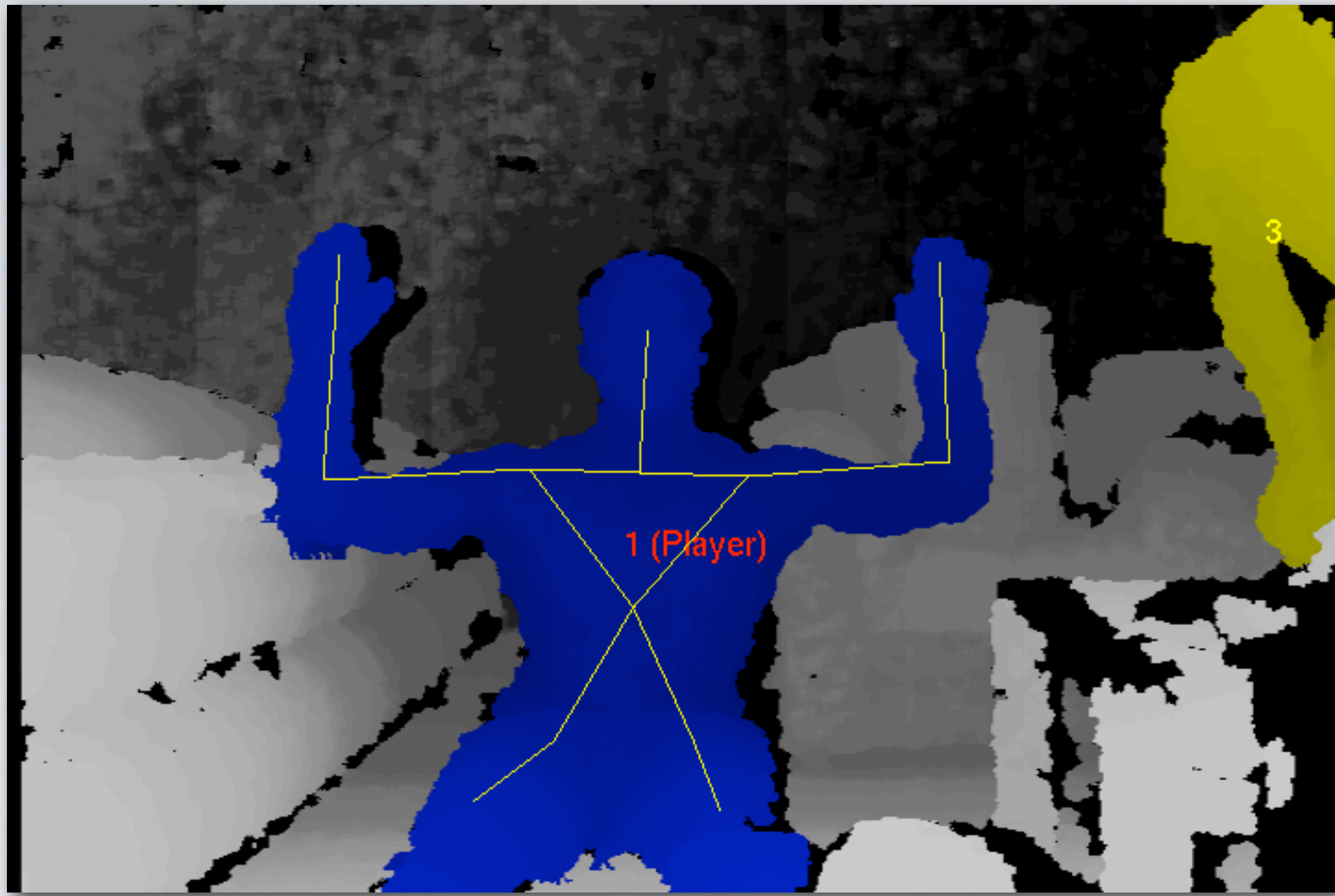
A lot of applications:

- human-robot interaction
- medical applications
- entertainment
- education
- ...

## People Tracking

Intro





- needs background subtraction (i.e., segmentation)
- based on a skeleton model
- assumes fixed camera

1. OpenNI (NITE)

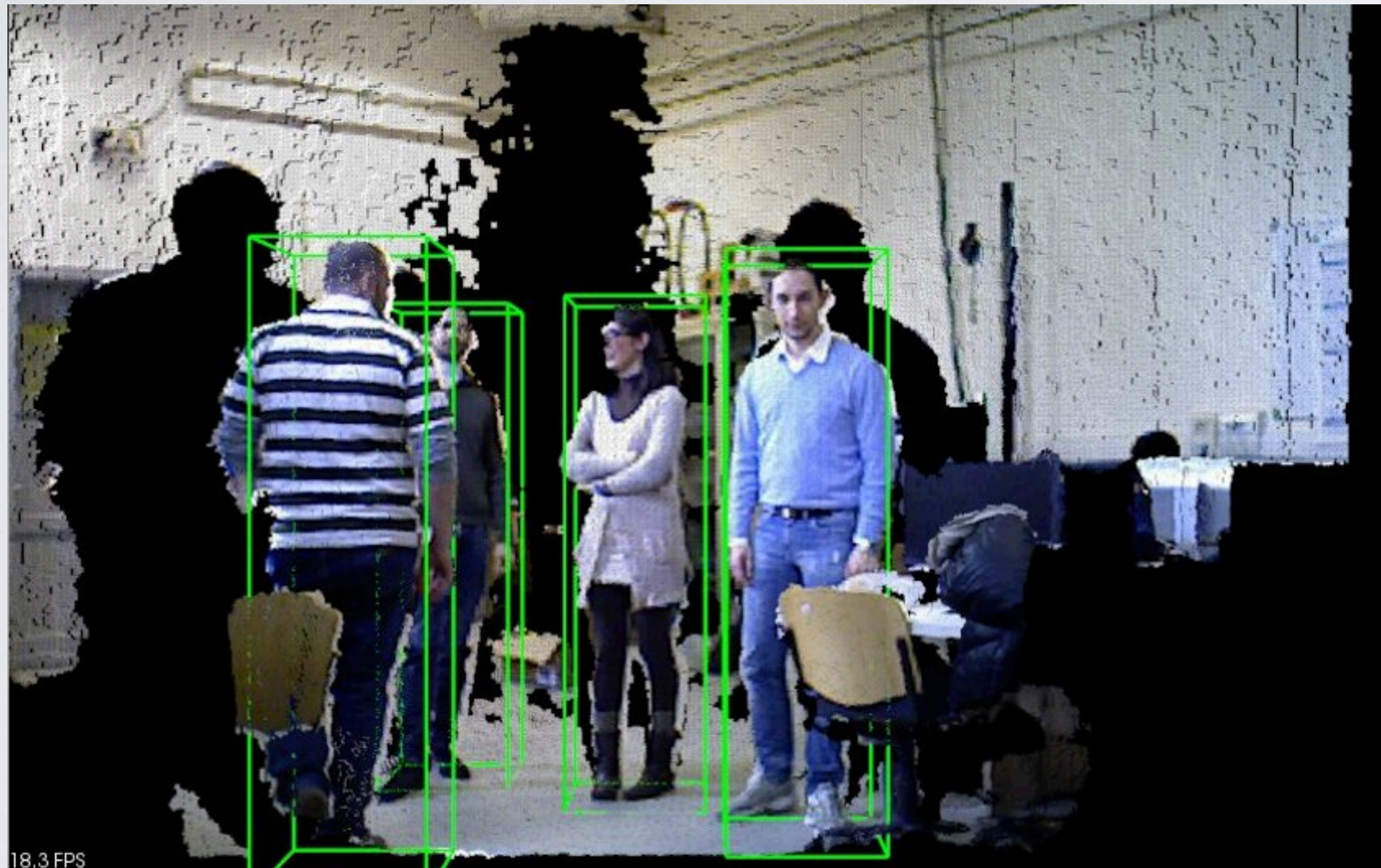
**People Tracking**  
Other Systems 1/2



## 2. XBox

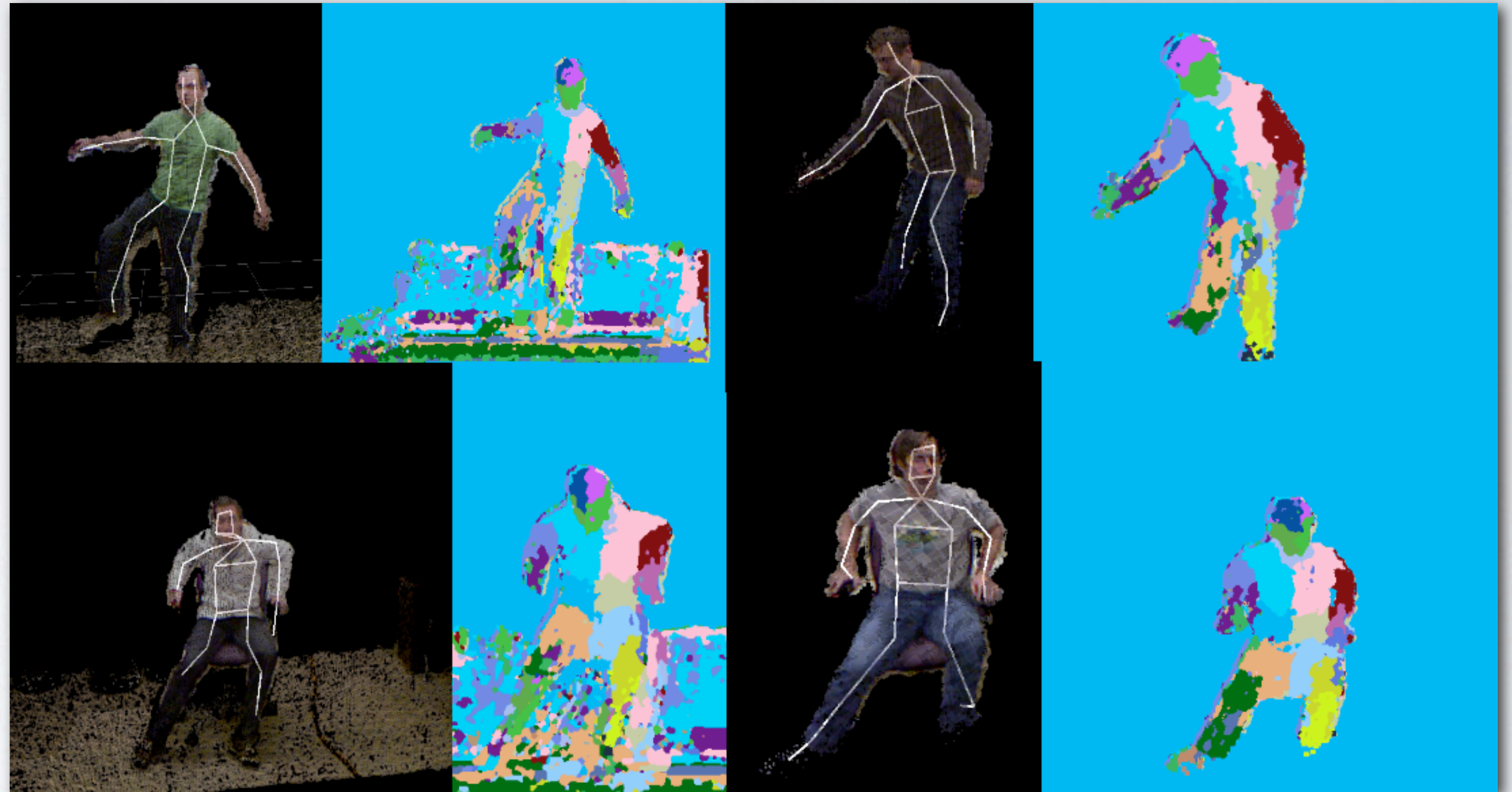
- needs background subtraction (i.e., segmentation)
- does not use a model
- assumes fixed camera
- classifies each pixel

- background subtraction is difficult
- segmentation in cluttered scenes?
- need actual tracking, not just one-shot detection



**People Tracking**  
Better solutions in PCL 1/7

- based on Random Decision Forests (RDFs)
- use additional bio-mechanical information
- fast GPU implementation



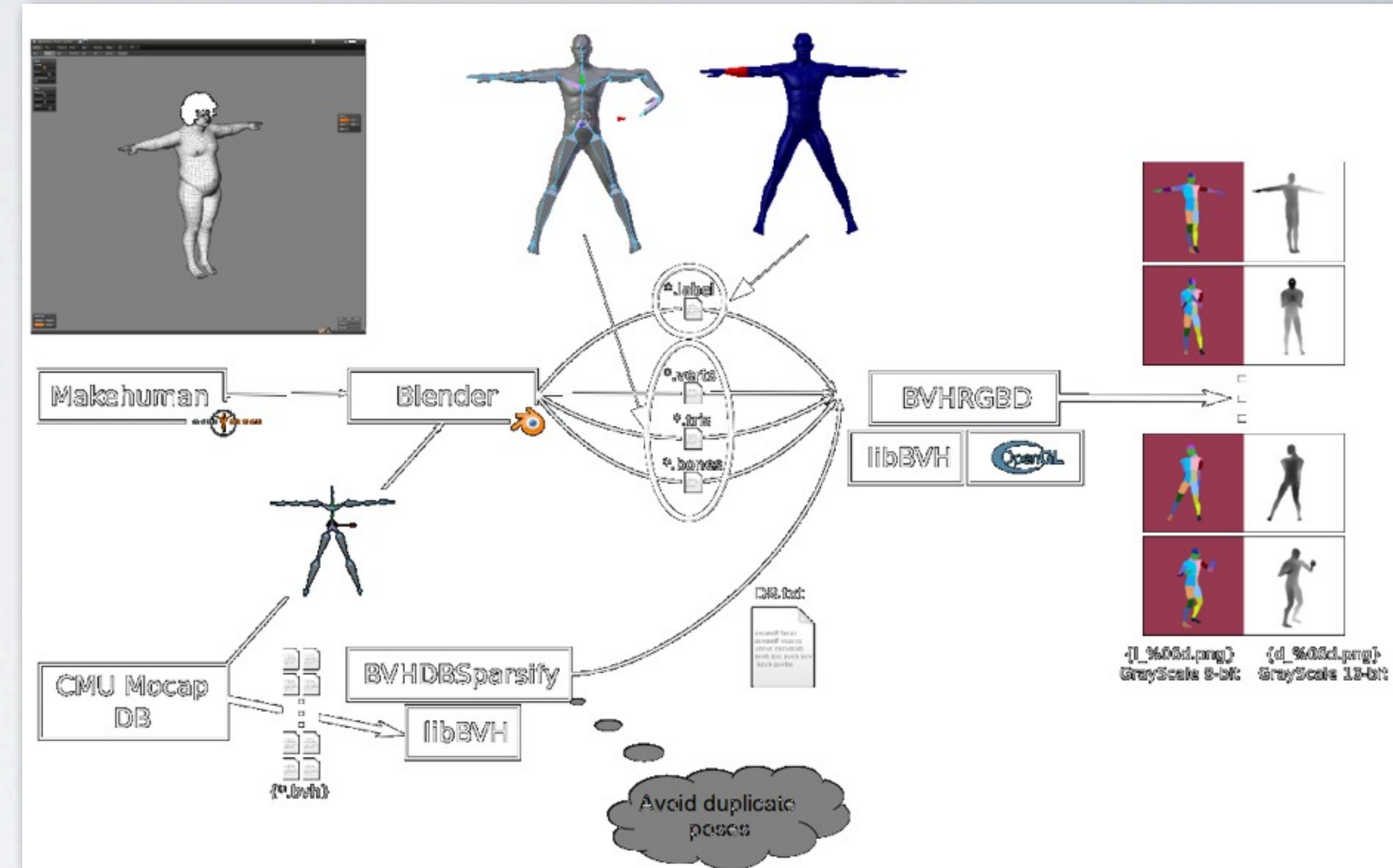
- works in 2 phases
  - offline training
  - online detection

**People Tracking**  
Better solutions in PCL 2/7

## I. Offline phase:

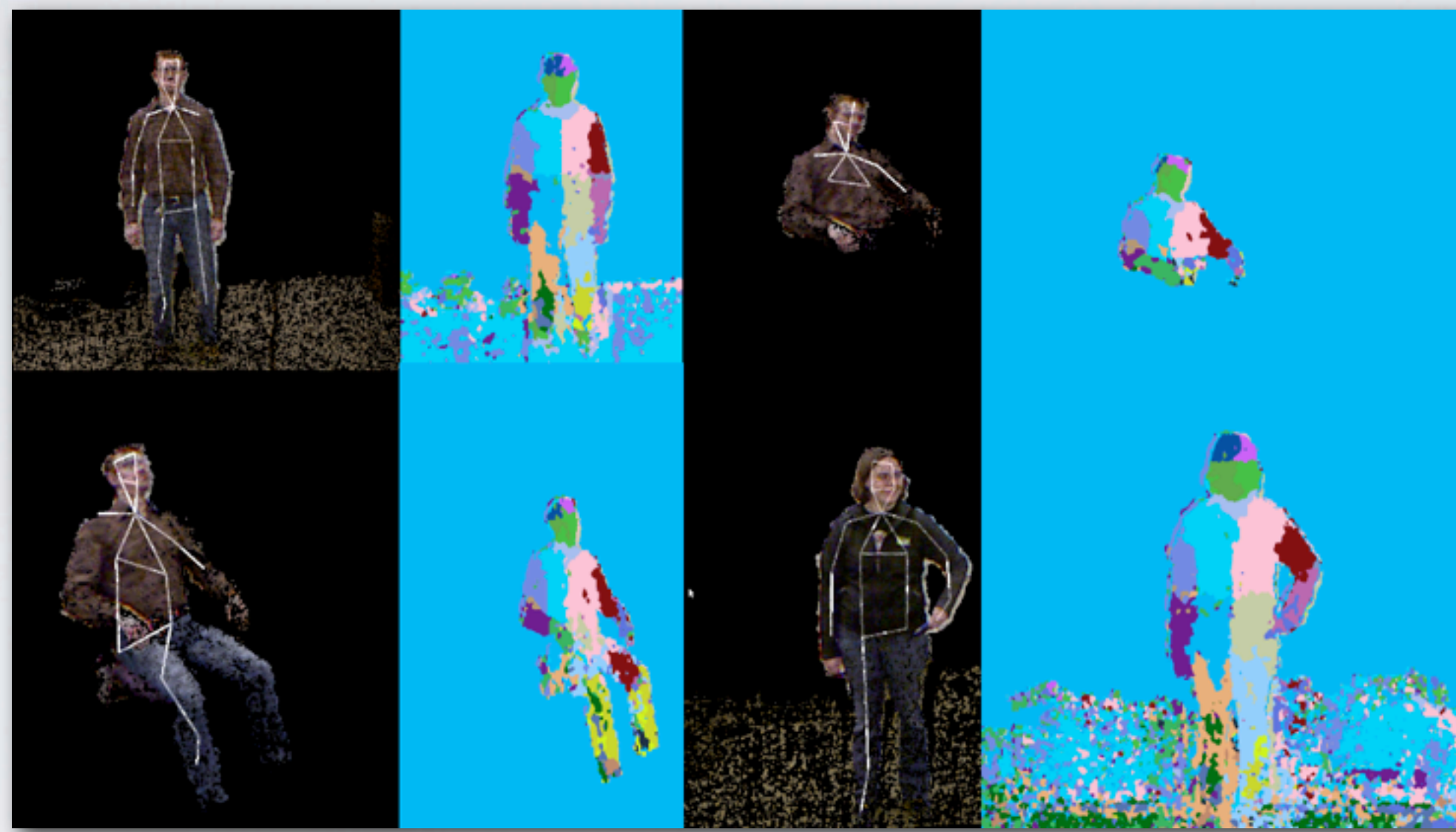
- build a database of human models
  - generate synthetic data using different poses and human bodies
  - train RDF trees
- 
- single person with 80k poses
    - 290 GB of training data
    - 7 days of training
    - results in a training file of a few KB

use Map-Reduce tech



## People Tracking

Better solutions in PCL 3/7



## 2. Online phase:

- label input point clouds based on the RDFs
- evaluate global constraints (limited limb pose space)
- iterative refinement by imposing local consistency
- temporal tracking



## People Tracking

Better solutions in PCL 4/7

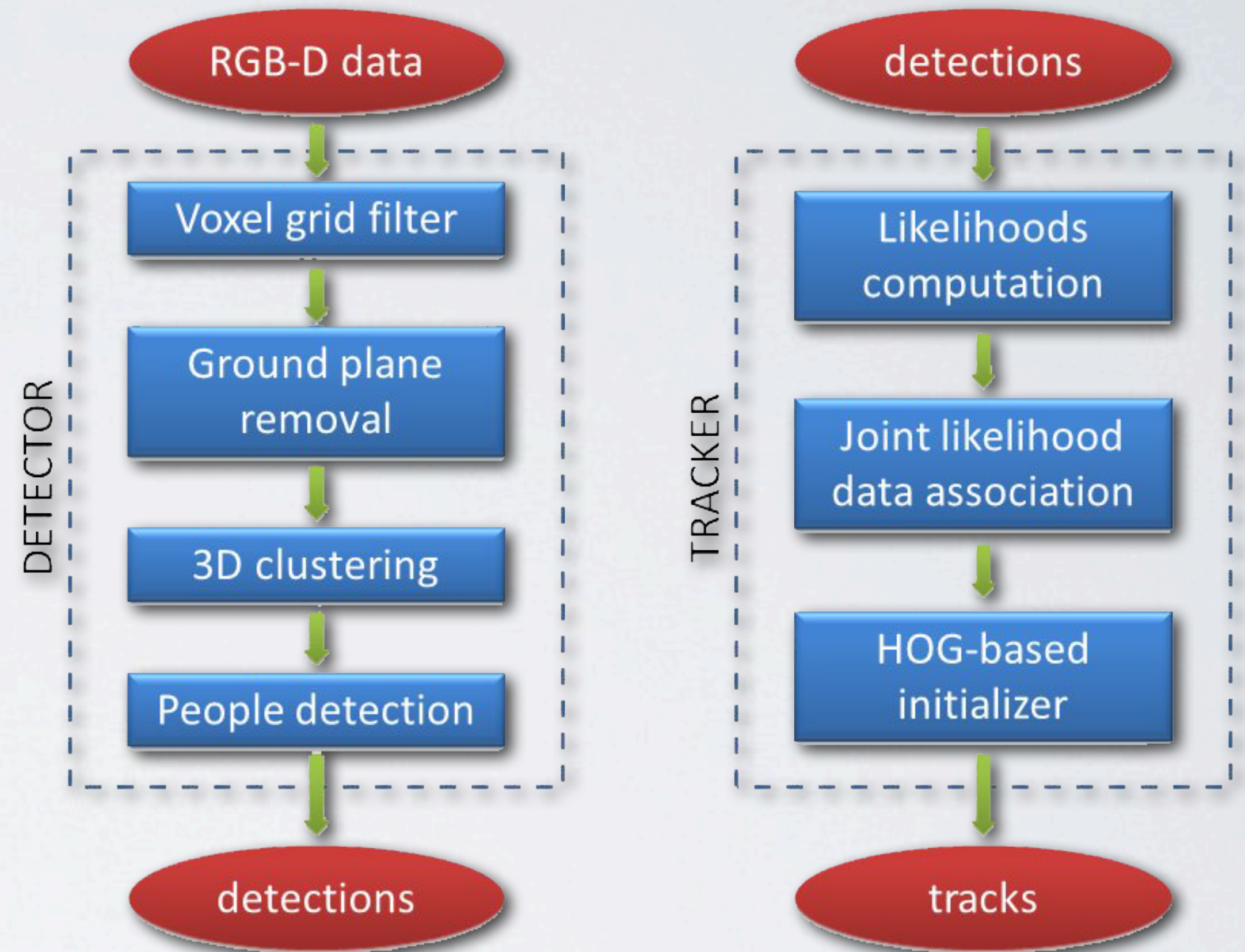
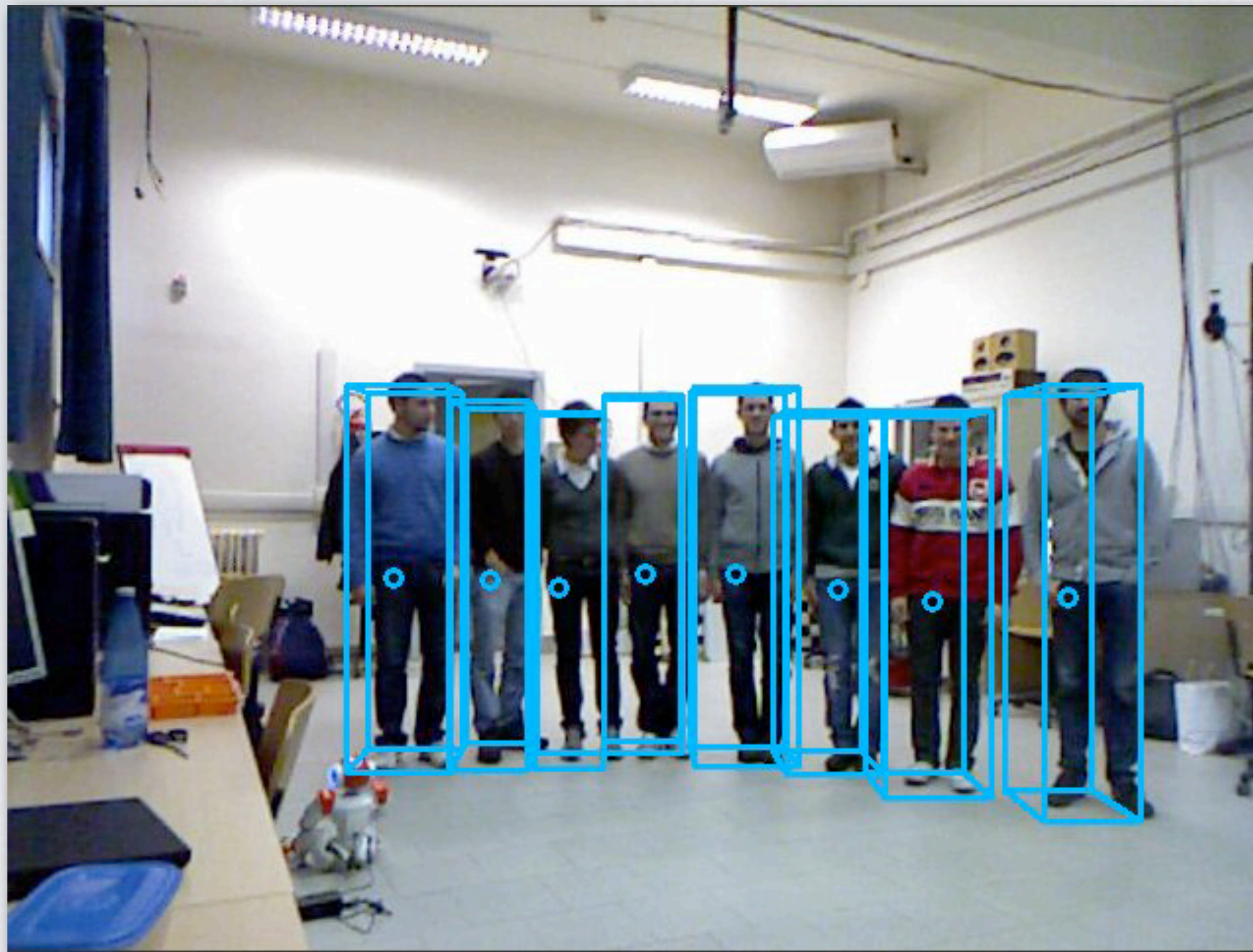


**DEMO !**

**People Tracking**  
Better solutions in PCL 5/7



- People detection and tracking for groups
- CPU implementation

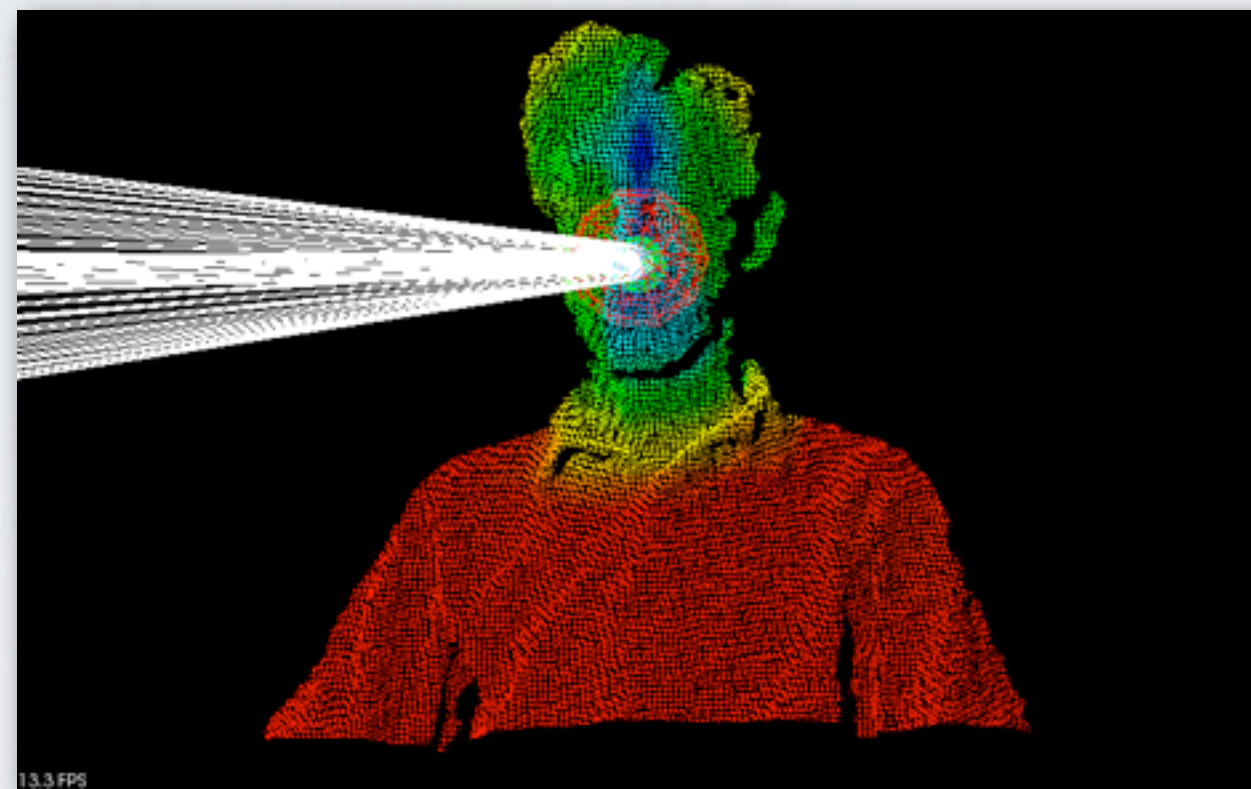
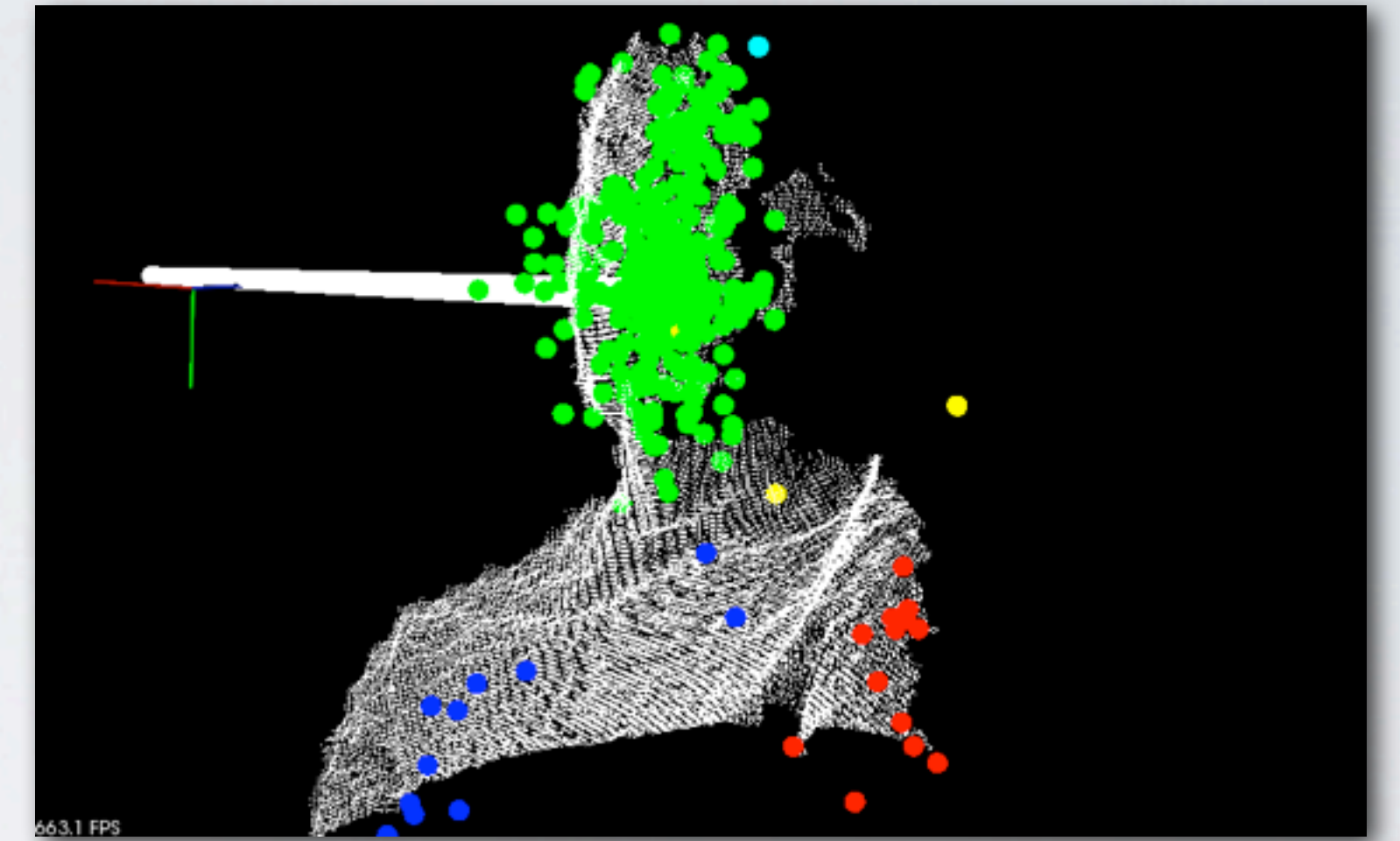


**People Tracking**  
Better solutions in PCL 6/7

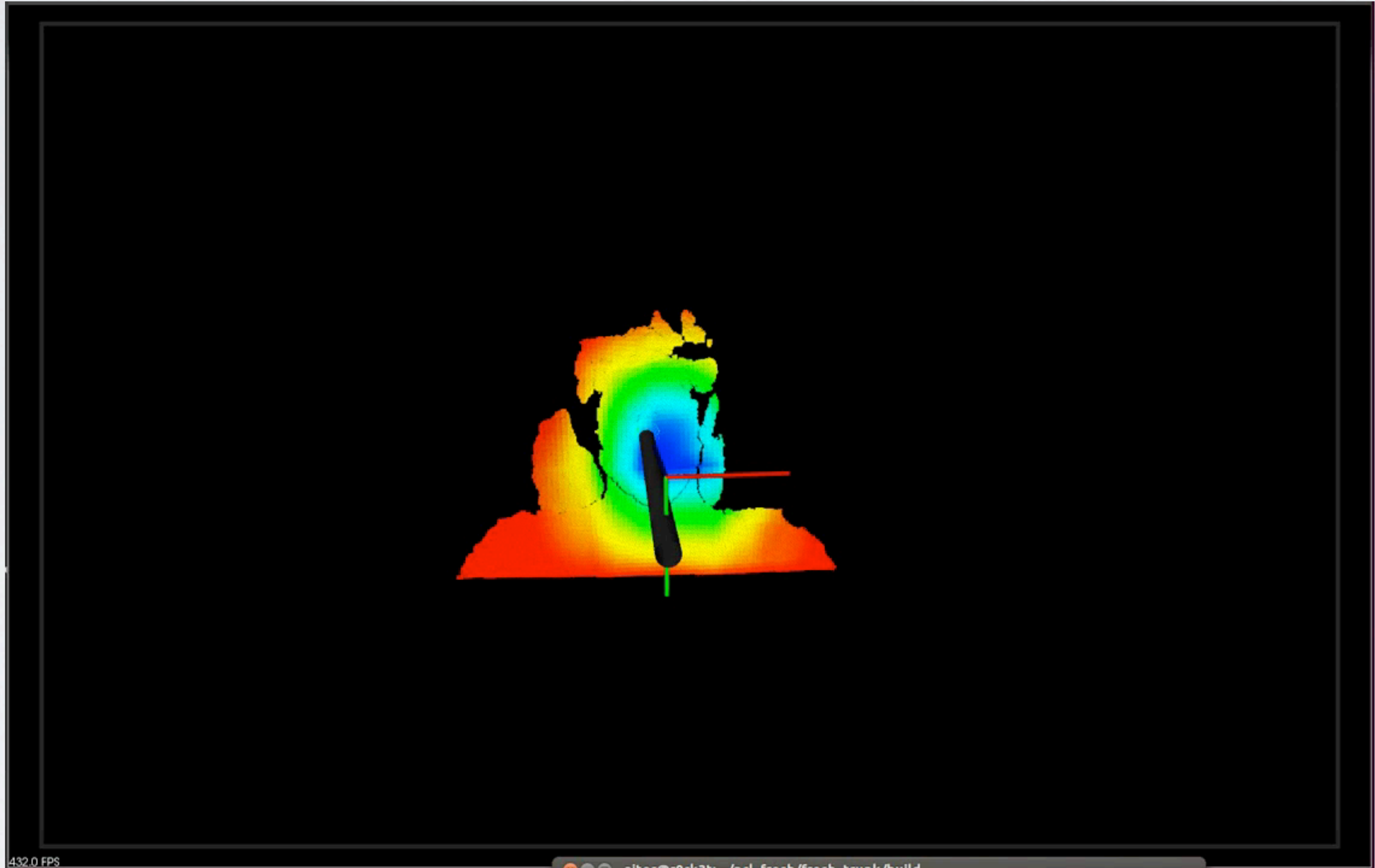
**DEMO !**

**People Tracking**  
Better solutions in PCL 7/7

- Based on regression random forests (allow for both detection and pose estimation)
- Trained on face depth patches, head location and orientation
- Detection using a sliding window
- Cluster votes using a generic head radius
- Mean-shift cluster to remove outliers
- 6-DOF pose refinement via registration



## 3D Face Detection and Pose Estimation





- over 600 developers and contributors
- many thousands of users

- 100 M hits on our domains
- 500k unique

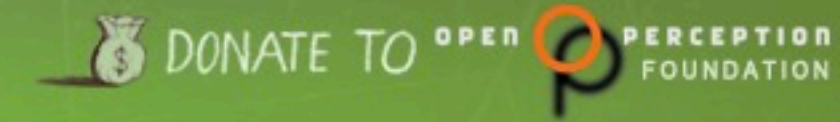


# PCL Contributors



# Sponsors

## Job Opportunities



Since its inception, the Point Cloud Library (PCL) project has attracted a wide range of industry attention. So much so, that many companies are now offering positions which require expertise in using and developing the PCL library as well as applications with it. Many of these not only use our software, but also wish to give back to the community. So if you love to work with PCL, and would like a great gig where you can contribute back to the project and earn money and fame doing it, please consider the following opportunities:



### Listings

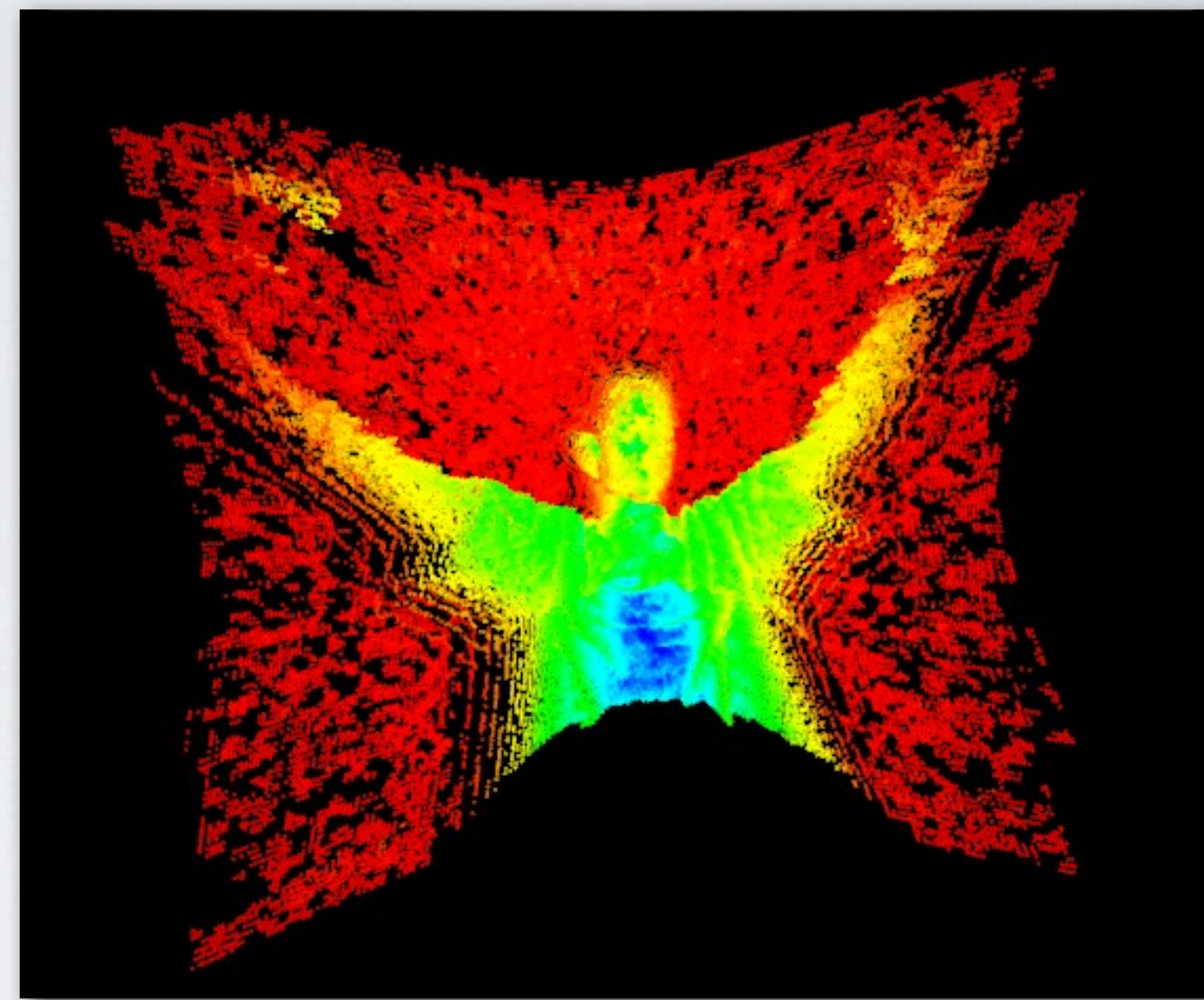
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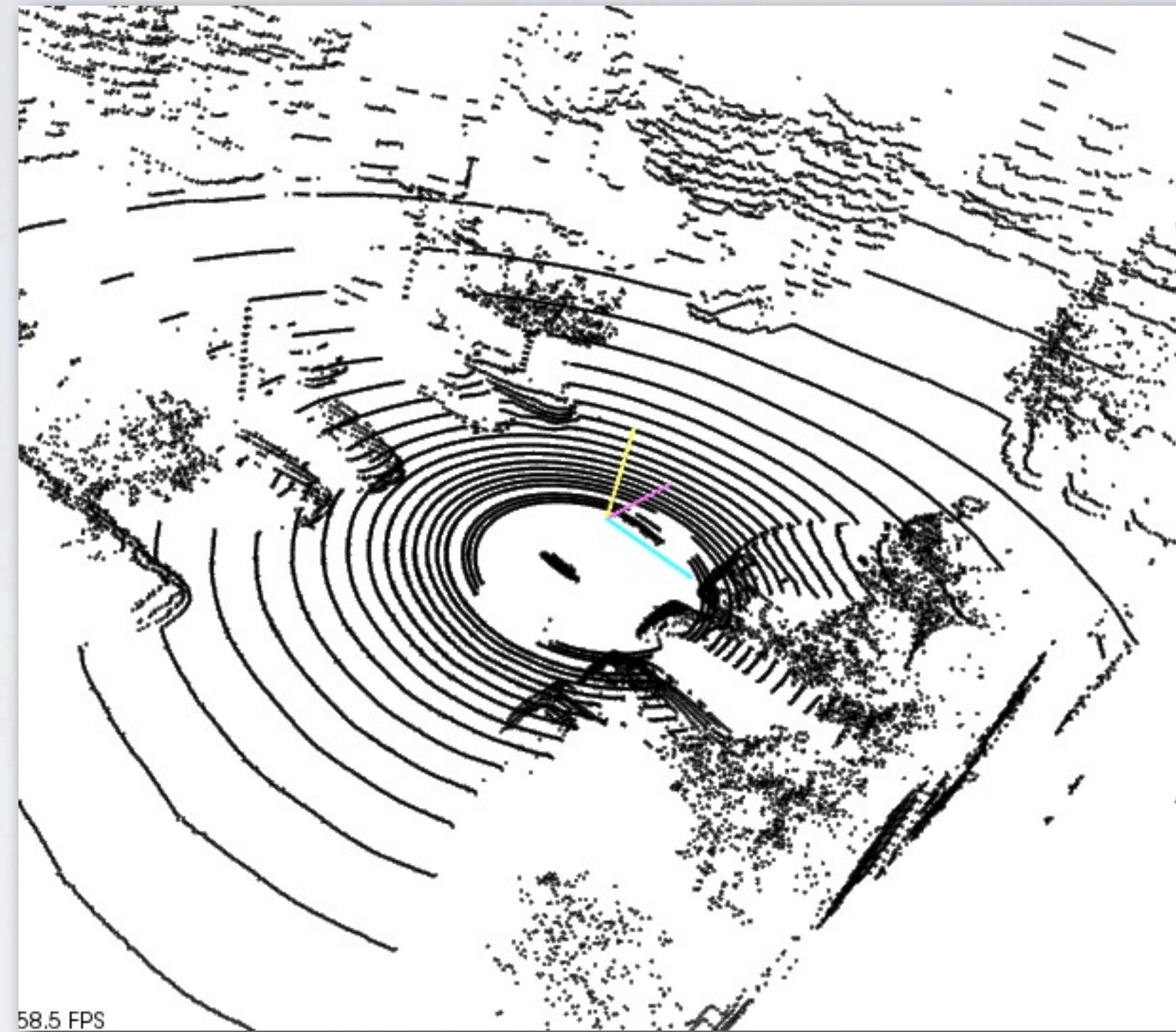
# Jobs



- Camera driver interface for DINAST cameras.
- A technology demonstrator for real-time 3D collision mapping used for motion planning with a mobile manipulator, using multiple IPA 3D cameras.

**DINAST Code Sprint**



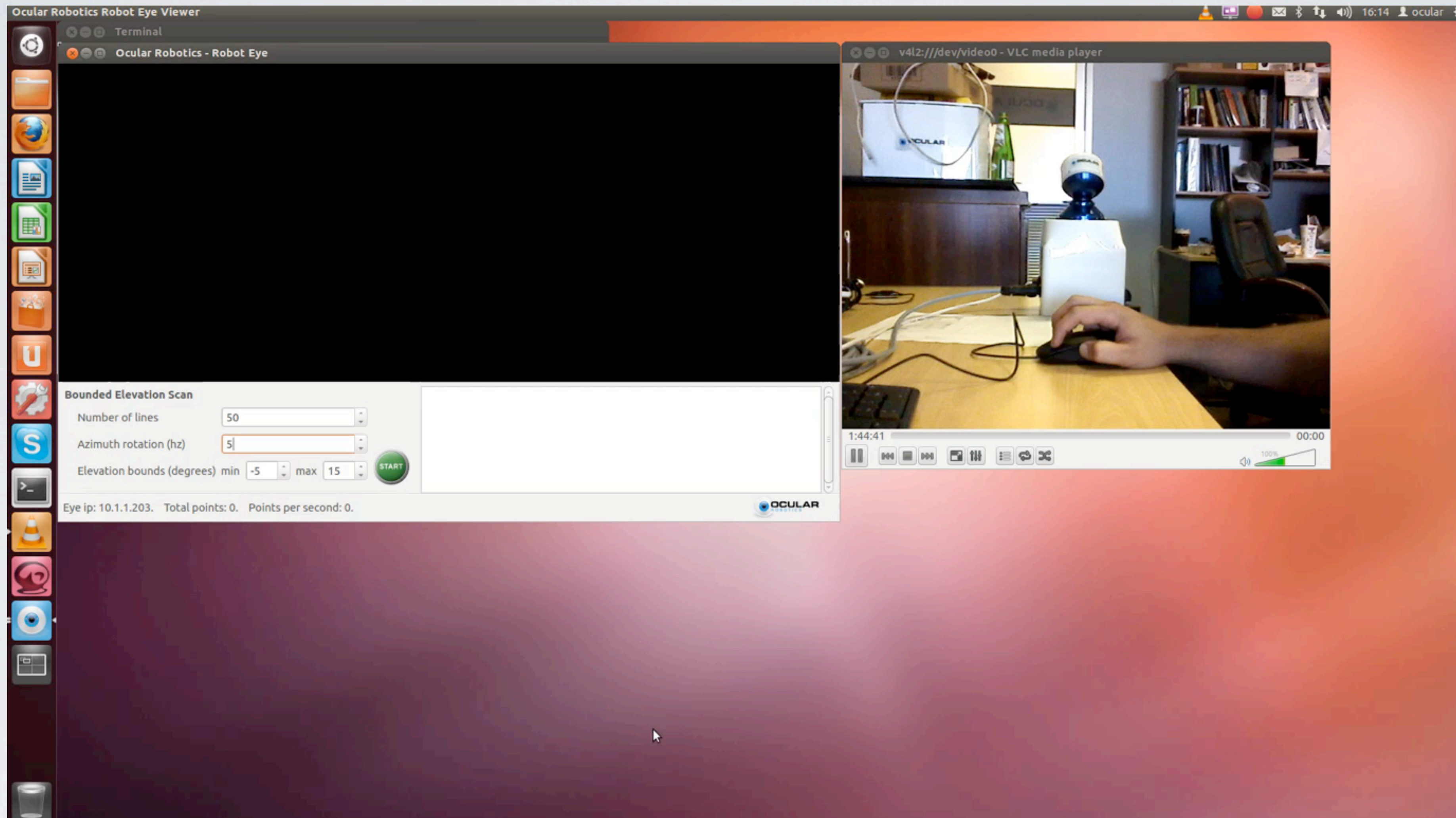


- Develop a Plug-n-Play interface for the Velodyne HDL series to make these sensors much easier to use.

## **Velodyne Code Sprint**

- Develop an efficient PCL driver interface for the RE0x laser sensors.
- PCL Visualization module enhancements to be able to handle larger datasets and real-time visualization from high throughput sensors.

**Ocular Robotics Code Sprint**



# Ocular Robotics Code Sprint



- Efficient compression mechanisms for organized and unorganized 3D point cloud data

**Leica Geosystems Code Sprint**

2 Projects!

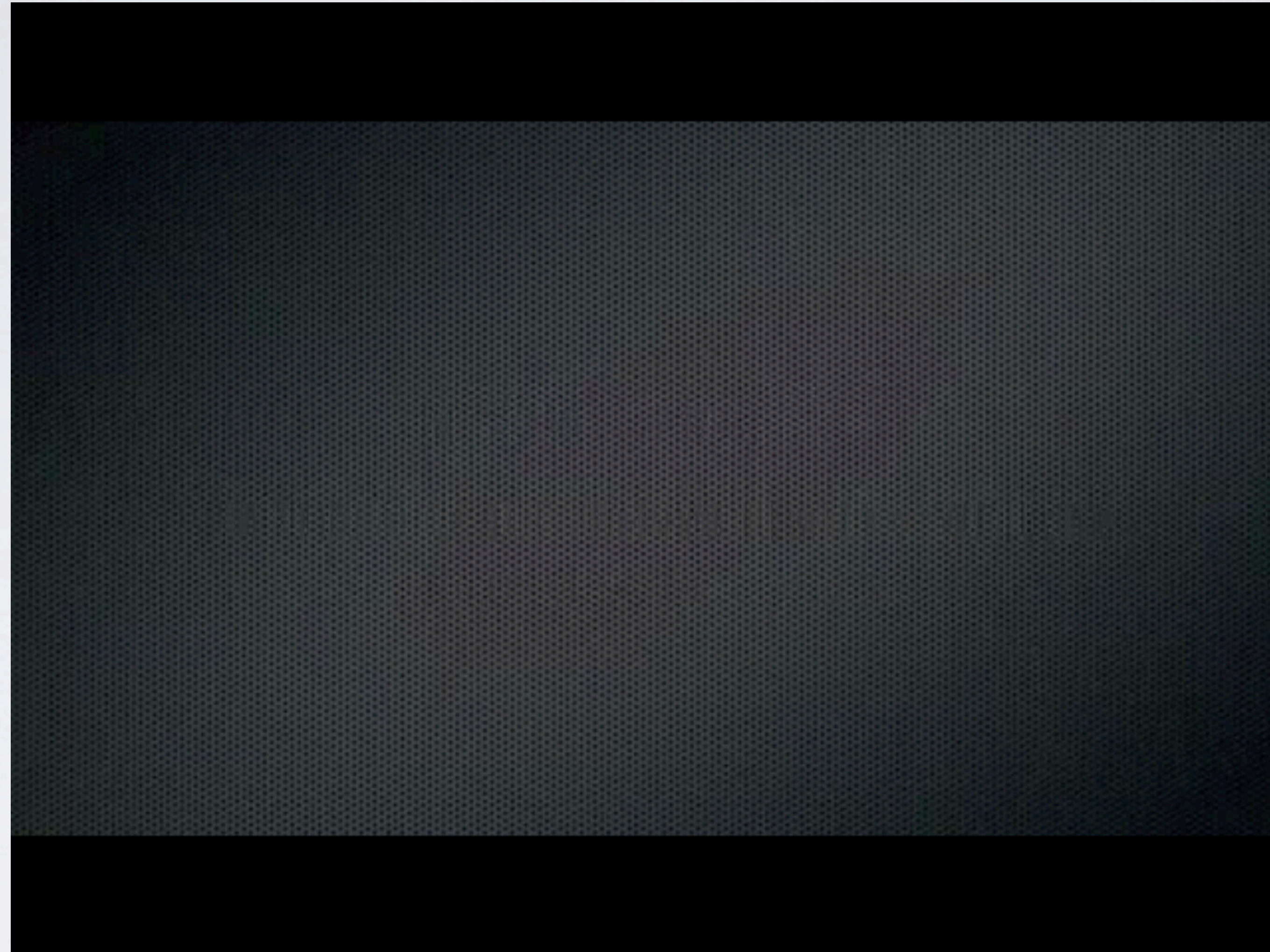


- Labeling outdoor pedestrian and car data as ground truth
- Fast 3D cluster recognition of pedestrians and cars in uncluttered scenes
- Part-based 3D recognition of pedestrians and cars in cluttered scenes
- Stereo-based road area detection

**Honda Research Institute Code Sprint**

4 Projects!

**HIRI**



**Honda Research Institute Code Sprint**

4 Projects!



**TOYOTA**

- Primitive shape (cylinders, spheres, cones, etc.) recognition in point cloud data
- Segmentation/Clustering of objects in cluttered environments
- 3D feature development and benchmarking

**TOYOTA Code Sprints #2**

3 Projects!

- Adapted visualization software and driver for Spectrolab's SpectroScan3D LIDAR imager.

## **Spectrolab Code Sprint**








**NIST**

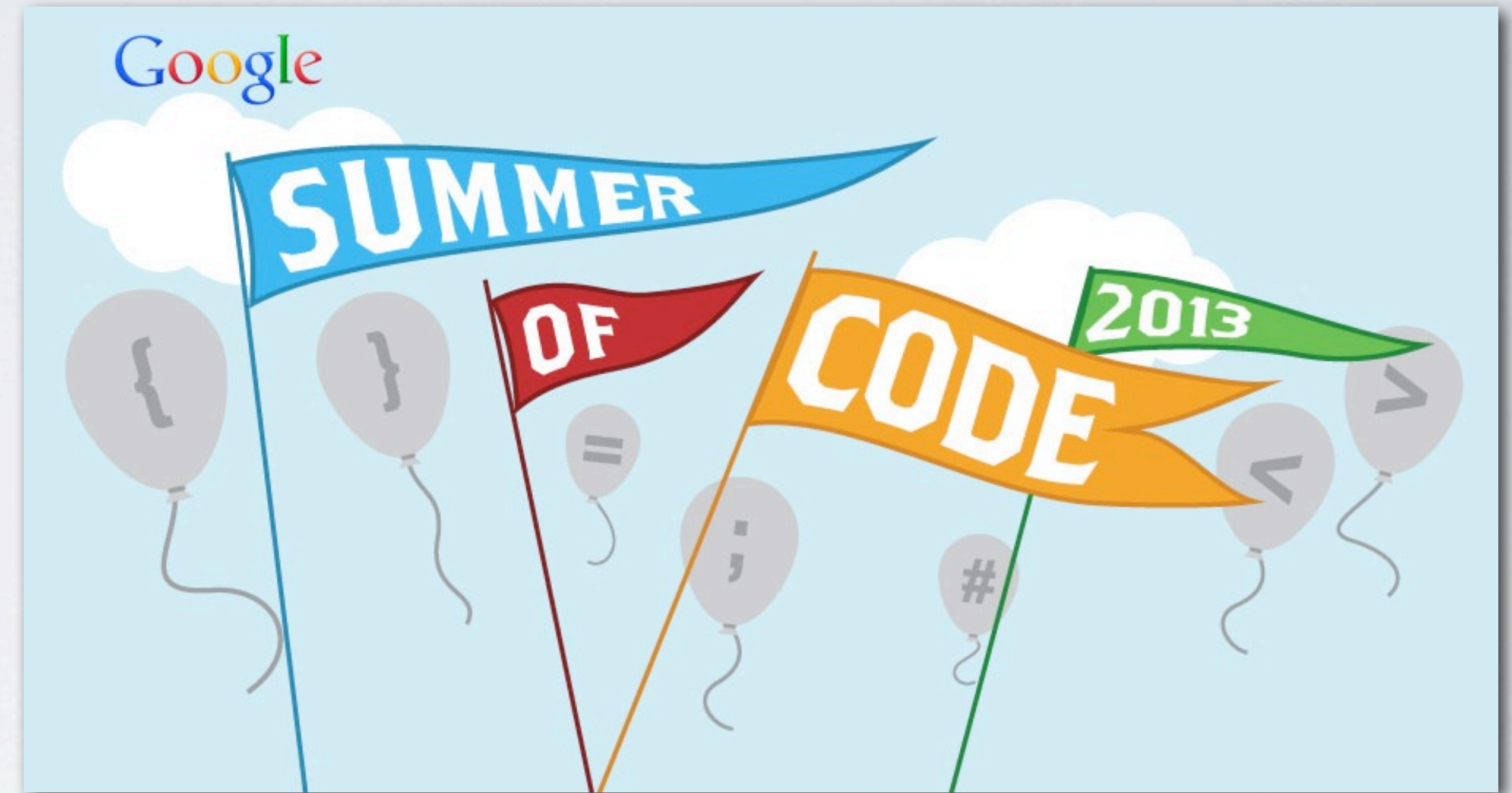
- Human detection and tracking from 2D images fused with 3D point cloud data.

**SwRI and NIST Code Sprint**

-  python bindings
-  interface for I/O and visualization
- huge dataset collection
-  now comes with support for processing data with PCL

## Other PCL News

- ICRA 2013 tutorial
- IROS 2013 tutorial
- Google Summer of Code 2013
  - 11 students last year



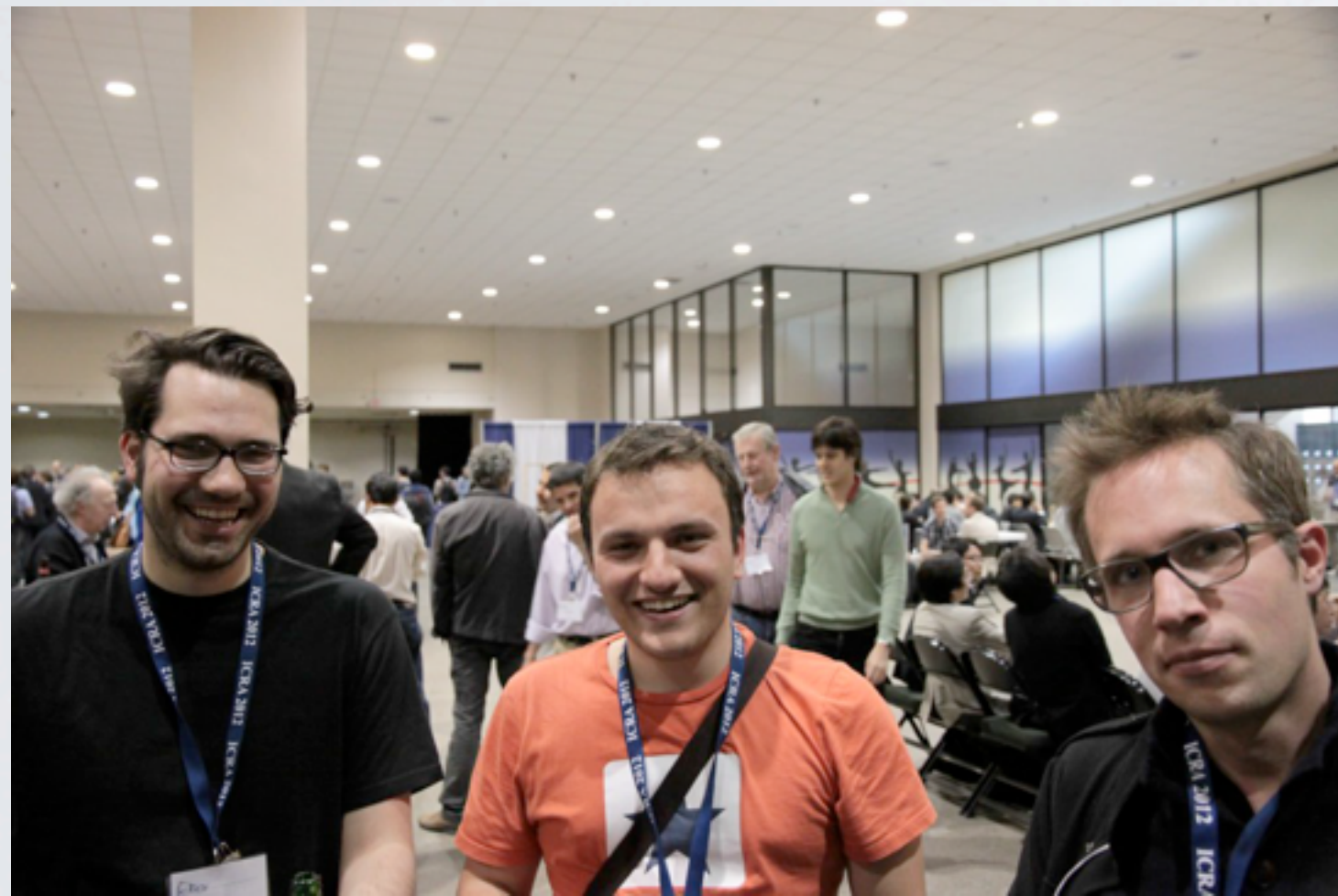
## Upcoming Events

# Developers needed

Help us build the Point Cloud Library.

Join us





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